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RETIREMENT AND
INVESTMENT OFFICE

*An Agency of the
State of North Dakota*

For the year ended June 30, 2008



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Retirement and Investment Office

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION



ND Retirement and Investment Office

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State Investment Board*

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November 17, 2008

Members of the
North Dakota State Investment Board
North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement Board

Dear Board Members:

With pleasure we present you with the June 30, 2008, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the North Dakota Retirement and Investment Office (RIO). The report is a complete review of the financial, investment, and actuarial conditions of the two programs for which you are responsible. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, rests with the management of RIO.

Generally accepted accounting principals (GAAP) require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. RIO's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors in the Financial Section.

RIO is an agency of the State of North Dakota. The agency was created by the 1989 Legislative Assembly to capture administrative and investment cost savings in the management of two important long-standing state programs – the retirement program of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) and the investment program of the State Investment Board (SIB).

Established in 1913, TFFR is one of the oldest retirement plans in the nation. TFFR is a qualified defined benefit public pension plan covered under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. North Dakota Century Code Chapter 15-39.1 contains the actual language governing the fund. The plan covers North Dakota public school teachers and administrators. The TFFR plan is funded on an actuarial reserve basis. Benefit funding comes from member and employer contributions and investment earnings. TFFR serves over 9,500 teachers from 235 employer groups and pays benefits to more than 6,300 retirees and beneficiaries. High quality member services and outreach programs are offered to members and employers as part of the continuing effort to keep them informed about the retirement program.

The SIB is responsible for setting policies and procedures guiding the investment of \$5.4 billion in assets for six pension funds and 15 other insurance-type funds. Their investments are divided into two investment trust funds and one individual investment account. The following table details the participants in each trust fund as of June 30, 2008:

Pension Investment Pool Participants

Teachers' Fund for Retirement
 Public Employees Retirement Fund
 City of Bismarck Employees Pension Fund
 City of Bismarck Police Pension Fund
 Job Service of North Dakota Pension Fund
 City of Fargo Employee Pension Fund

Individual Investment Account

PERS Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund

Insurance Investment Pool Participants

Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) Fund
 State Fire and Tornado Fund
 State Bonding Fund
 Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund
 Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund
 ND Health Care Trust Fund
 State Risk Management Fund
 State Risk Management Workers Compensation Fund
 Cultural Endowment Fund
 Budget Stabilization Fund
 ND Association of Counties Fund
 ND Association of Counties Program Savings Fund
 City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave Fund
 NDPERS Group Insurance Account
 City of Fargo FargoDome Permanent Fund

The pension investment pool is made up of only qualified pension funds whose monies must be invested exclusively for the benefit of their participants. The insurance investment pool is made up of mainly insurance-type funds, but also includes other funds that do not qualify as pension funds and would like to benefit from the cost savings of being pooled with other funds' assets. All of these funds are invested in accordance with the "Prudent Investor Rule."

An important aspect of the prudent investor rule is that individual investments are considered not in isolation but in the context of the trust portfolio as a whole. Some new opportunities may appear risky when viewed alone. However, when part of a diversified mix of investments in stocks, bonds and other assets they can increase returns often without increasing the overall portfolio risk and, in some cases, may help decrease the overall portfolio's risk.

The pension investment pool was created in July 1989 with the pooling of selected investments of TFFR and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Assets from the City of Bismarck Employees and Police pension funds were added later that same fiscal year. In April 1994, Job Service of North Dakota made their initial contribution to the pool. And most recently, the City of Fargo Employees pension plan joined the pension pool in December 2007.

The insurance investment pool began in December 1993 with the pooling of the assets of the WSI, Fire and Tornado, Bonding, Insurance Regulatory, and Petroleum Tank Release funds.

Other additions to this pool have occurred as follows:

- The Risk Management Fund was added in October 1996.
- The two North Dakota Association of Counties funds were added during fiscal year 1999, in January and March.
- The City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave and PERS Group Insurance funds were both added in July 1999.
- The ND Health Care Trust fund was added in July 2001 by legislative mandate.
- The City of Fargo FargoDome Permanent Fund was added in October 2002.
- The Risk Management Workers Compensation Fund was added in October 2003.
- The Cultural Endowment Fund was added by the 2005 legislature and funded in July 2005.
- The Budget Stabilization Fund joined the pool in September 2005 upon reaching statutorily designated levels.

Four funds have left the insurance investment pool after having been included in it at some point during its existence - the Veterans' Home Improvement Fund was added in July 1996 and removed in August 1997, the National Guard Tuition Waiver Fund was added in June 1996 and removed in June 1999, the Veterans Post War Trust Fund was added in December 1997 and left the pool in September 2005, and the Veterans Cemetery Trust joined the pool in August 1997 and was removed in August 2007.

MAJOR INITIATIVES

- Retirement Program

TFFR Funding Improvement Legislation - The 2007 Legislature approved changes to improve TFFR's long-term financial condition. Funding information and details can be found in the Actuarial Section. Administrative rules were adopted, system programming was completed, member and employer publications were updated, and legislative changes were implemented during the fiscal year.

Effective 7/1/07, employer contributions of 7.75% required on salaries of re-employed retired members.

Effective 7/1/08, employer contributions increase from 7.75% to 8.25% on salaries of active and re-employed retired members until TFFR reaches 90% funded level on an actuarial basis. Also, a second tier of reduced member benefits is created for new TFFR members. Tier 2 member benefit provisions include Rule of 90, 5 year vesting, and 5 year final average salary calculation.

Other Legislation – The 2007 Legislature approved legislation which allowed 16 employees of the State Board of Career and Technical Education to transfer from TFFR to PERS. Employees were given the option, and member account data and funds were transferred from TFFR to PERS in September 2007.

Service Purchase Project – TFFR Board approved new actuarial methodology and factors for calculating the cost to purchase service credit. Changes were communicated to members, system programming was completed, and changes were implemented on July 1, 2008.

TFFR Member and Employer Web-Based Services - As part of the ongoing effort to expand services, TFFR Employer Online is scheduled to be available in 2009, and TFFR Member Online in 2010.

- Investment Program

Investment details by trust fund can be found in the Investment Section.

Initiatives completed by the SIB during the year included:

Within the Pension Investment Pool

- ✓ Committed funds to a non-US private equity fund.
- ✓ Committed funds to an emerging markets private equity fund in the emerging markets asset class.
- ✓ Diversified real estate asset class by committing funds to a value added real estate fund.
- ✓ Committed funds to a mezzanine debt fund in the high yield asset class.
- ✓ Funded a portable alpha manager in the domestic fixed income asset class.
- ✓ Funded two portable alpha managers in the large cap domestic equity asset class.
- ✓ Committed funds to two distressed mortgage funds in the high yield asset class.
- ✓ Replaced a small cap value international equity manager.
- ✓ Committed funds to a co-investment opportunity with an existing private equity manager.
- ✓ Committed funds to a distressed senior credit fund in the domestic fixed income asset class.
- ✓ Opened a second cash management fund for the pension cash allocation.
- ✓ Committed funds to an Asian infrastructure fund in the emerging markets asset class.

Within the Insurance Investment Pool

- ✓ Committed funds to a timberland investment fund to be included in the inflation protected asset class.
- ✓ Replaced a small cap value international equity manager.
- ✓ Committed funds to an infrastructure investment fund to be included in the inflation protected asset class.

AWARDS

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to RIO for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. This was the tenth consecutive year that RIO has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

TFFR also received the Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC) 2008 Recognition Award for Administration. To receive the award, the retirement system must certify that it meets the requirements in five areas of assessment which include a comprehensive benefit program, actuarial valuations, financial reporting, investments and communications to members.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

RIO is subject to very strict operational controls. Well-established internal controls are in place, segregation of duties is maintained, and an internal audit program is in effect. In addition, an annual external audit is performed and the results are reported to the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee.

Brady Martz & Associates conducted the external audit under the direction of the North Dakota State Auditor. The auditor's opinion was unqualified for the agency for the year ended June 30, 2008.

The tables below summarize RIO's revenues and expenses for the current and prior fiscal years:

| Pension Trust Fund (TFFR) | June 30, 2008 | June 30, 2007 | Incr/(Decr) \$ | Incr/(Decr) % |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Additions | \$ (70,067,670) | \$ 413,128,085 | \$ (483,195,755) | -117.0% |
| Deductions | 113,596,331 | 104,658,896 | 8,937,435 | 8.5% |
| Net Change | \$ (183,664,001) | \$ 308,469,189 | \$ (492,133,190) | -159.5% |

In the pension trust fund, additions decreased due to a decrease in net investment income as a result of the decline in the investment markets. Deductions increased because the average benefit increased from the previous year, as did the number of retirees receiving benefits throughout the year.

| Investment Trust Funds | June 30, 2008 | June 30, 2007 | Incr/(Decr) \$ | Incr/(Decr) % |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Additions | \$ (106,478,131) | \$ 485,544,925 | \$ (592,023,056) | -121.9% |
| Deductions | 333,264 | 300,296 | \$ 32,968 | 11.0% |
| Net Change in Units | 55,407,290 | (63,899,794) | \$ 119,307,084 | -186.7% |
| Net Change | \$ (51,404,105) | \$ 421,344,835 | \$ (472,748,940) | -112.2% |

In the investment trust funds, additions also decreased due to a decrease in net investment income. Deductions increased due to an increase in administrative expenses allocated to the pool participants during the year.

FUNDING STATUS

The overall objective of a pension fund is to accumulate sufficient funds to meet all expected future obligations to participants. The member and employer contribution rates are established by statute. The member rate is set at 7.75%. Effective July 1, 2008, the employer rate increased from 7.75% to 8.25%. The addition of 0.50% to the employer contribution rate will remain in effect until TFFR is 90% funded on an actuarial basis. The rates are intended to be sufficient to pay TFFR's normal cost and to amortize TFFR's unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) over a period of 30 years from the valuation date. A thirty-year period is the maximum amortization period allowed by GASB 25 in computing the Annual Required Contribution (ARC). The thirty-year period is in common use for public-sector plans and is considered reasonable by the actuary.

In order to determine the adequacy of the 8.25% statutory contribution rate, it is compared to the GASB 25 ARC. The ARC is equal to the sum of (a) the employer normal cost, and (b) the level percentage of pay required to amortize the UAAL over a 30-year period. For this calculation, payroll is assumed to increase 2.00% per annum. As of July 1, 2008, the ARC is 9.24%, decreased from 10.15% last year. This is greater than the 8.25% rate currently required by law. The shortfall (the negative margin) between the rate mandated by law and the rate necessary to fund the UAAL in 30 years is -0.99%.

The plan had a net asset loss of \$63 million from previous years which has not yet been recognized in the actuarial value of assets, because of the five-year smoothing. This unrecognized asset loss is due to a large market loss during FY2008.

The funded ratio (the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability) increased from last year. The funded ratio at July 1, 2007, was 79.2%, while it is 81.9% as of July 1, 2008. Based on market values rather than actuarial values of assets, the funded ratio decreased to 79.2% from 91.9% last year.

The following table summarizes the actuarial valuation of the TFFR plan. A detailed discussion of funding is provided in the Actuarial Section of this report.

| | July 1, 2008 (in millions) | July 1, 2007 (in millions) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Actuarial value of assets | \$ 1,909.5 | \$ 1,750.1 |
| Unfunded actuarial accrued liability | 421.2 | 459.2 |
| Funded ratio | 81.9% | 79.2% |

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

The investment policies and strategies for each of the funds under the SIB can be found in the Investment Section of this report. Each policy is created by the individual fund and presented to the SIB for acceptance. Once accepted, the policy is used as a guide to determine participation in the applicable pools. The policies are designed to provide safeguards on assets while optimizing return based on each fund's risk parameters.

The return information presented in the Investment Section is calculated with the assistance of our consultant, Callan Associates, based on data supplied by our custodian, The Northern Trust Company, and the individual investment managers. The investment return calculations were prepared using a monthly time-weighted rate of return methodology based upon market values and are subject to independent audit.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Professional consultants are selected by the TFFR Board and the SIB to perform professional services that are essential to the effective and efficient operation of the retirement and investment programs. An opinion from the certified public accountant and the actuary are included in this report. The consultants chosen by the boards are listed in the Introductory Section of this report.

Respectfully yours,



STEVE COCHRANE, CFA
Executive Director/CIO



FAY KOPP
Deputy Executive Director

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CONNIE L. FLANAGAN
Fiscal & Investment Officer

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

Mission

The North Dakota Retirement and Investment Office exists in order that:

- ◆ SIB clients receive cost-effective investment services directed at meeting their written financial goals under the Prudent Investor Rule.
- ◆ SIB clients receive investment returns consistent with their written investment policies and market variables.
- ◆ Potential SIB clients have access to information regarding the investment services provided by the SIB.
- ◆ TFFR benefit recipients receive their retirement benefits in a cost effective and timely manner.
- ◆ TFFR members have access to information which will allow them to become knowledgeable about the issues and process of retirement.
- ◆ SIB clients and TFFR benefit recipients receive satisfactory services from the boards and staff of the office.

Administrative Staff



Steve Cochrane, CFA
Executive Director/CIO



Fay Kopp
Deputy Executive Director

Supervisory Staff

Connie L. Flanagan
Fiscal Management

Shelly Schumacher
Retirement Services

Les Mason
Internal Audit

Bonnie Heit
Administrative Services

Gary Vetter
Information Services

NORTH DAKOTA STATE INVESTMENT BOARD Board Members as of June 30, 2008

Investment Program

Investment Process

The ND State Investment Board believes that an investment program must be built and managed like any good business, with a clear statement of mission, overall objectives, roles and responsibilities, and policies and guidelines. Major issues include:

Asset allocation targets:

- Setting appropriate benchmarks.
- Finding the right managers.
- Monitoring the program.
- Searching for appropriate new opportunities.

To ensure rigorous attention to all aspects of the investment program, the SIB follows an established investment process. This process involves three phases:

- Investment policy development/modification
- Implementation/monitoring
- Evaluation



Jack Dalrymple
*Chair
Lt. Governor*



Clarence Corneil
*Vice Chair
TFFR Trustee*



Kelly Schmidt
State Treasurer



Adam Hamm
*State Insurance
Commissioner*



Cindy Ternes
*Workforce Safety &
Insurance Designee*



Gary Prezler
*University and
School Land
Commissioner*



Robert Toso
TFFR Trustee



Mike Gessner
TFFR Trustee



Mike Sandal
PERS Trustee



Ron Leingang
PERS Trustee



Thomas Trenbeath
PERS Trustee

NORTH DAKOTA TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT Board of Trustees as of June 30, 2008

Retirement Program

Mission

The mission of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement, a trust fund, is to advocate for, develop, and administer a comprehensive retirement program for all trust fund members within the resources available.

Goals

Investment and Funding Goals:

- Prudently invest assets in a well diversified portfolio to optimize long term returns while controlling risk to the fund.
- Accumulate sufficient funds to pay all current and future benefit and expense obligations when due.
- Improve and maintain adequate funding of all promised benefits to ensure the financial integrity of the system.
- Build a funding cushion to provide for future benefit improvements.

Benefit Goals:

- Provide 2.0% benefit formula for all current and future retirees.
- Provide ad hoc retiree benefit adjustments (fixed formula and percent based) for all current and future retirees to maintain purchasing power of retirement benefits and assist with rising health care costs. Benefit adjustments may be considered when the Board believes it is prudent based upon actuarial funding measurements including:
 - a. Positive contribution margin
 - b. Amortization of UAAL within GASB 30-year funding period
 - c. Funded ratio of 90% or greater

Service Goals:

- Administer accurate, prompt, and efficient pension benefits program.
- Deliver high quality, friendly service to members and employers.
- Provide educational outreach programs including pre-retirement seminars and individual counseling sessions.



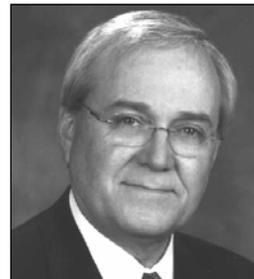
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President
(active teacher)



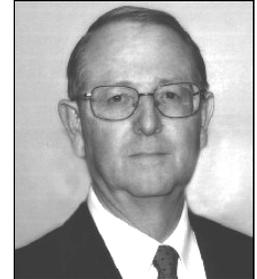
Lowell Latimer
Vice President
(retired member)



Kim Franz
Trustee
(active teacher)



Robert Toso
Trustee
(active administrator)



Clarence Corneil
Trustee
(retired member)

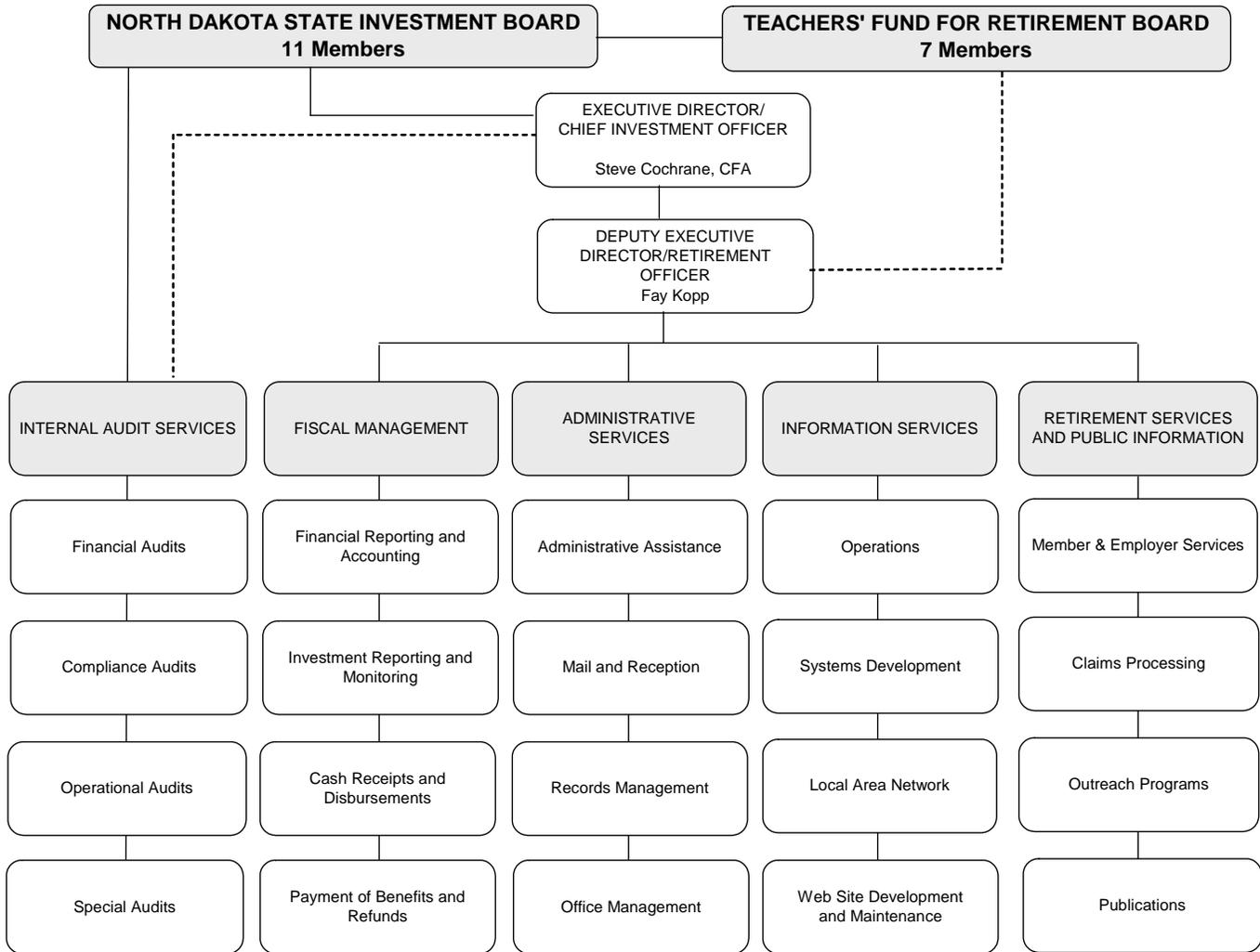


Kelly Schmidt
State Treasurer



Wayne Sanstead
State Superintendent
of Public Instruction

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION JUNE 30, 2008



Note: See page 67 in the Investment Section for a summary of fees paid to investment professionals and pages 148-151 in the Statistical Section for a detailed list of the investment professionals who provide services to the State Investment Board and their corresponding fees.

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE
CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

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Dallas, Texas

Auditor

Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C.
Bismarck, North Dakota

Legal Counsel

North Dakota Attorney General's
Office
Bismarck, North Dakota

Information Technology

CPAS Systems Inc.
Toronto, Ontario

Master Custodian

The Northern Trust Company
Chicago, Illinois

**Investment Consultant and
Performance Measurement**

Callan Associates Inc.
San Francisco, California

Investment Managers

Adams Street Partners, LLC
Chicago, Illinois

Bank of North Dakota
Bismarck, North Dakota

Brandywine Asset Management
Wilmington, Delaware

Calamos Advisors LLC
Naperville, Illinois

Callan Associates
San Francisco, California

Capital Guardian Trust Company
Los Angeles, California

Clifton Group
Minneapolis, MN

Corsair Capital
New York, New York

Coral Partners, Inc.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Declaration Mgmt & Research, LLC
McLean, Virginia

Dimensional Fund Advisors
Chicago, Illinois

Investment Managers (cont.)

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New York, New York

European Credit Mgmt
London, England

Franklin Porfolio Associates, LLC
Boston, Massachusetts

Goldman Sachs Asset Mgmt
New York, New York

Hearthstone Homebuilding
Investors, LLC
Encino, California

Hyperion Brookfield Asset
Management Inc.
New York, New York

INVESCO Realty Advisors
Dallas, Texas

InvestAmerica L&C, LLC
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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New York, New York

Loomis Sayles & Company
Boston, Massachusetts

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Los Angeles, California

LSV Asset Management
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PanAgora Asset Management, Inc.
Boston, Massachusetts

PIMCO
Newport Beach, California

Prudential Investment Management
Newark, New Jersey

Quantum Energy Partners
Houston, Texas

Quantum Resources Mgmt, LLC
Denver, Colorado

Research Affiliates, LLC
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Oaks, Pennsylvania

State Street Global Advisors
Boston, Massachusetts

Trust Company of the West Asset
Management Co.
Los Angeles, California

Timberland Investment
Resources, LLC
Atlanta, Georgia

UBS Global Asset Management
Chicago, Illinois

The Vanguard Group
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Wellington Trust Company, NA
Boston, Massachusetts

Wells Capital Management, Inc.
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin and
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Western Asset Management Co.
Pasadena, California

WestLB Asset Management, LLC
Chicago, Illinois

Westridge Capital Mgmt, Inc.
Santa Barbara, California

Securities Lending

Wachovia Global Securities
Lending
Short Hills, New Jersey

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Presented to

North Dakota
Retirement and Investment
Office

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2007

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFRs) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.



Charles S. Cox
President

Jeffrey R. Emen
Executive Director



Public Pension Coordinating Council

***Recognition Award for Administration
2008***

Presented to

North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement

In recognition of meeting professional standards for
plan administration as
set forth in the Public Pension Standards.

Presented by the Public Pension Coordinating Council, a confederation of

National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)
National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS)
National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan H. Winkle".

Alan H. Winkle
Program Administrator

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FINANCIAL SECTION





CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
AND CONSULTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governor John Hoeven
The Legislative Assembly
Steve Cochrane, Executive Director
State Investment Board
Teachers' Fund for Retirement Board
North Dakota Retirement and Investment Office

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the fiduciary funds of the North Dakota Retirement and Investment Office (RIO), a department of the State of North Dakota, which collectively comprise RIO's basic financial statements, and the combining and individual fund financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of RIO's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of RIO are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position and plan net assets of only that portion of the fiduciary funds of the State of North Dakota that is attributable to the transactions of RIO. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of North Dakota as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its financial position and plan net assets, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The actuary for the North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement has determined the Fund's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is approximately \$421 million at June 30, 2008. The funding for the actuarial accrued liabilities is predicated on employer and employee funding rates mandated by North Dakota statutes. The actuary has determined that the current statutory contribution rates will amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 57 years, based on the current actuarial assumptions, unless there are sufficient actuarial gains in the future to offset the recent investment losses.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the fiduciary funds of RIO as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, plan net assets where applicable, thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the individual funds of RIO as of June 30, 2008, and the results of operations of such funds for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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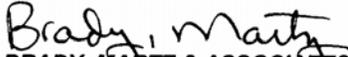
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The required supplementary information shown on page 47 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The required supplementary information and supporting schedules are the responsibility of RIO's management. The Schedules of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions and the supporting schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated, in all material respects, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) on pages 18 through 22 are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise RIO's basic financial statements and on the combining and individual fund financial statements. The Supplementary Information shown on pages 52 through 55 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Supplementary Information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic, combining and individual fund financial statements, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic, combining and individual fund financial statements taken as a whole.

We did not audit the data included in the introductory, investment, actuarial and statistical sections of this report, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion thereon.

A report in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, on the RIO's internal control over financial reporting and its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants is issued under separate cover.


BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

October 13, 2008

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NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2008

Our discussion and analysis of the ND Retirement and Investment Office's (RIO) financial performance provides an overview of RIO's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements, which follow this discussion.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Total net assets decreased in the fiduciary funds by \$235 million or 4.2% due mostly to net losses in the investment markets.

Additions in the fiduciary funds for the year were actually negative due to the net decrease in fair value of investments. Net investment loss was \$248.7 million. Total contributions were \$70.6 million, an increase of 6.3% over 2007.

Deductions in the fiduciary fund increased over the prior year by \$9.0 million or 8.6%. This increase represented a rise in the total number of retirees drawing retirement benefits from the pension fund as well as an increase in the retirement salaries of new retirees.

The ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement's (TFFR) funding objective is to meet long-term benefit obligations through contributions and investment income. As of July 1, 2008, the funded ratio was approximately 81.9%.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of four parts – *management's discussion and analysis* (this section), the *basic financial statements*, *required supplementary information*, and an optional section that presents *combining statements* for the investment trust funds. The basic financial statements include fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of RIO's activities (fiduciary funds).

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. In addition to these required elements, we have included a section with combining statements that provide details about our investment trust funds, each of which are added together and presented in single columns in the basic financial statements.

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Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about RIO's activities. Funds are accounting devices that RIO uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

RIO uses fiduciary funds as RIO is the trustee, or fiduciary, for TFFR (a pension plan) and SIB (investment trust funds). RIO is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of RIO's fiduciary activities are reported in a statement of net assets and a statement of changes in net assets.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

RIO's fiduciary fund total assets as of June 30, 2008, were \$5.6 billion and were comprised mainly of investments and invested securities lending collateral. Total assets decreased over \$627 million or 10% from the prior year primarily due to losses in the financial markets during the fiscal year.

Total liabilities as of June 30, 2008 were \$201 million and were comprised mostly of securities lending collateral. Total liabilities decreased \$392 million or 66.1% from the prior year primarily due to a decrease in securities lending collateral at year-end.

RIO's fiduciary fund total net assets were \$5.4 billion at the close of fiscal year 2008.

ND Retirement and Investment Office
Net Assets – Fiduciary Funds
(In Millions)

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | Total % Change |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Investments | \$ 5,384 | \$ 5,619 | -4.2% |
| Sec Lending Collateral | 194 | 585 | -66.9% |
| Receivables | 30 | 32 | -4.4% |
| Cash & Other | 12 | 11 | 9.0% |
| Total Assets | <u>5,620</u> | <u>6,247</u> | -10.0% |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 7 | 8 | -10.8% |
| Sec Lending Collateral | 194 | 585 | -66.9% |
| Total Liabilities | <u>201</u> | <u>593</u> | -66.1% |
| Total Net Assets | <u>\$ 5,419</u> | <u>\$ 5,654</u> | -4.2% |

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

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ND Retirement and Investment Office
Changes in Net Assets – Fiduciary Funds
(In Millions)

| | 2008 | 2007 | Total % Change |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Additions: | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 70.60 | \$ 66.40 | 6.3% |
| Investment Income | (247.12) | 832.31 | -129.7% |
| Total Additions | (176.52) | 898.71 | -119.6% |
| Deductions | 113.93 | 104.96 | 8.5% |
| Net change from unit transactions | 55.41 | (63.90) | -186.7% |
| Total change in net assets | \$(235.04) | \$ 729.85 | -132.2% |

Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Additions

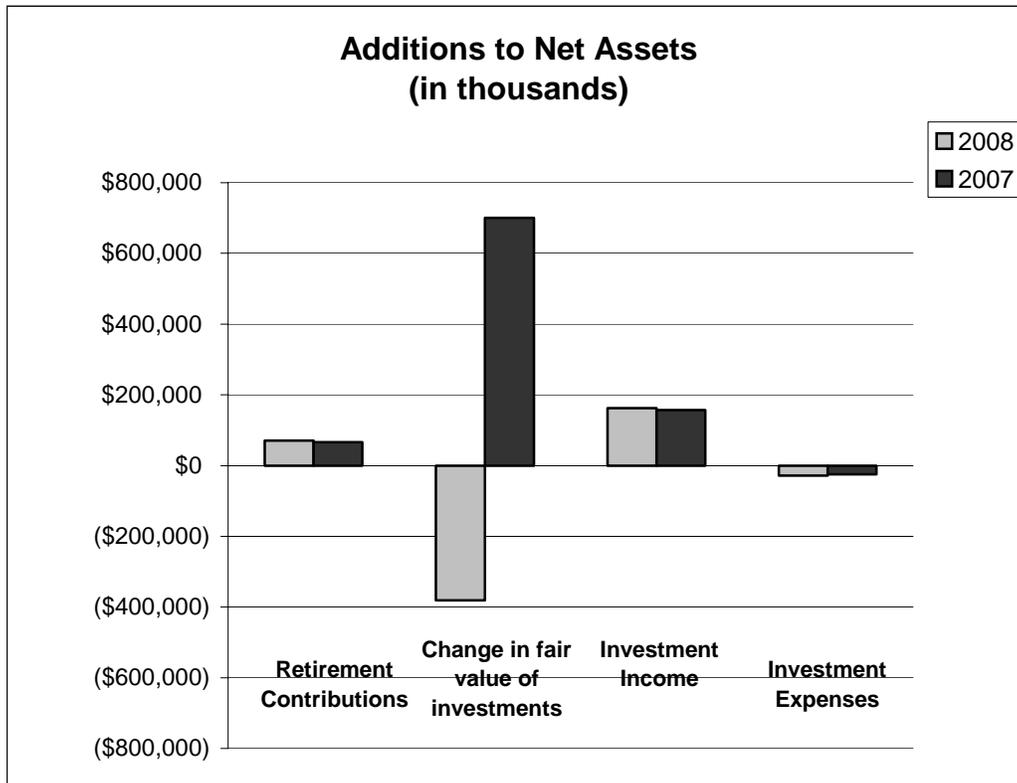
Contributions to the pension trust fund increased by \$4.2 million or 6.3% over the previous fiscal year. The net change in fair value of investments in the fiduciary funds was a decrease of \$380.9 million in fiscal year 2008 following a positive change of \$700.4 million the previous year.

Investment income, including net income from securities lending activities, increased by \$6.0 million from last year. Investment expenses increased by \$4.1 million or 16.7% mainly due to the timing of incentive-based fees related to certain timber investments. This fee will fluctuate over the life of the investment based on the continued performance of the manager.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Deductions

Benefits paid to TFFR plan participants, including partial lump-sum distributions, increased by \$6.7 million or 6.7% during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. This was due to an increase in the total number of retirees in the plan as well as an increased retirement salary which the benefits are based upon.

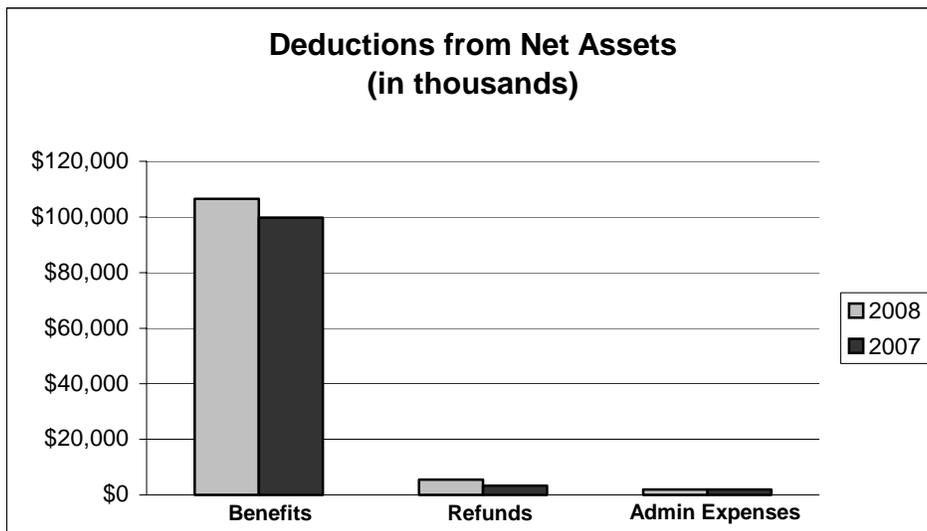
Refunds increased significantly in fiscal year 2008. The 2007 legislature approved a bill allowing employees of the Department of Career and Technical Education covered under TFFR to make an election to transfer to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Approximately \$3.2 million in member account balances and/or actuarially determined values were transferred to PERS and these are shown as refunds on the financial statements. Total refunds for the year, including those transfers, were \$5.5 million versus \$3.3 million the previous fiscal year; a 65.2% increase.

Administrative expenses increased by just over \$80,000, or 4.3%, due mainly to legislatively approved salary increases for state employees.

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CONCLUSION

Fiscal year 2008 was highly influenced by tightening in the general credit market as well as declining economic conditions. This resulted in many global equities and non-governmental bonds losing value, as investors shunned assets presumed to have risk.

Within the SIB’s investment program, the investment trust funds are invested within their policy guidelines and seek to add investment return to their expected benchmark return objectives over multi-year periods. As global economies and financial markets continue to adjust to changing conditions, the SIB remains vigilant to identify investment opportunities which will benefit the plans over the long term.

TFFR’s funded ratio improved in 2008 due to the 5 year smoothing of asset gains and losses. However, long term projections show the plan’s funding level is expected to decline should TFFR experience another year of investment losses. While 2007 legislation was passed to improve TFFR’s long term financial status, additional statutory changes to enhance revenue may need to be considered in the future.

CONTACTING RIO FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our Boards, our membership, our clients and the general public with a general overview of RIO’s finances and to demonstrate RIO’s accountability for the money we receive. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the North Dakota Retirement and Investment Office, PO Box 7100, Bismarck, ND 58507-7100.

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE
Statements of Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
As of June 30, 2008 and 2007

| | Pension Trust | | Investment Trust | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Investments, at fair value | | | | |
| Equities | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 25,968,232 | \$ 29,149,500 |
| Equity pool | 1,038,055,015 | 1,260,494,121 | 1,291,115,204 | 1,501,115,243 |
| Fixed income | - | - | 13,658,848 | 15,383,953 |
| Fixed income pool | 459,221,747 | 429,624,787 | 1,837,537,823 | 1,707,756,245 |
| Real estate pool | 218,557,672 | 212,437,075 | 214,544,096 | 205,201,801 |
| Alternative Investments | 101,316,753 | 87,610,571 | 101,957,749 | 85,898,100 |
| Cash and cash pool | 4,421,123 | 16,588,981 | 77,722,742 | 68,344,985 |
| Total investments | <u>1,821,572,310</u> | <u>2,006,755,535</u> | <u>3,562,504,694</u> | <u>3,612,849,827</u> |
| Invested securities lending collateral | 21,349,349 | 143,933,101 | 172,541,068 | 441,048,728 |
| Receivables: | | | | |
| Investment income | 7,971,796 | 8,366,495 | 14,278,826 | 15,301,708 |
| Contributions | 8,065,995 | 8,058,323 | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | 5,361 | 3,064 | 5,102 | 4,011 |
| Total receivables | <u>16,043,152</u> | <u>16,427,882</u> | <u>14,283,928</u> | <u>15,305,719</u> |
| Due from other state agency | 38 | 112 | 9 | 23 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 11,156,236 | 9,950,883 | 80,255 | 81,972 |
| Equipment & Software (net of depr) | 555,989 | 789,382 | - | - |
| Total assets | <u>1,870,677,074</u> | <u>2,177,856,895</u> | <u>3,749,409,954</u> | <u>4,069,286,269</u> |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts payable | 58,308 | 48,835 | 21,804 | 16,676 |
| Investment expenses payable | 2,634,849 | 3,603,855 | 4,138,715 | 4,109,302 |
| Securities lending collateral | 21,349,349 | 143,933,101 | 172,541,068 | 441,048,728 |
| Accrued expenses | 514,856 | 483,601 | 36,114 | 36,231 |
| Capital lease payable | - | 1,210 | - | - |
| Miscellaneous payable | - | - | 7,896 | 6,341 |
| Due to other state agencies | 6,301 | 8,881 | 729 | 1,258 |
| Total liabilities | <u>24,563,663</u> | <u>148,079,483</u> | <u>176,746,326</u> | <u>445,218,536</u> |
| Net assets: | | | | |
| Held in trust for pension benefits (see Schedule of Funding Progress on page 47) | 1,846,113,411 | 2,029,777,412 | - | - |
| Held in trust for external investment pool participants: | | | | |
| Pension pool | - | - | 2,002,929,586 | 2,104,537,811 |
| Insurance pool | - | - | 1,529,753,733 | 1,474,613,291 |
| Held in trust for individual investment account | - | - | 39,980,309 | 44,916,631 |
| Total net assets | <u>\$ 1,846,113,411</u> | <u>\$ 2,029,777,412</u> | <u>\$ 3,572,663,628</u> | <u>\$ 3,624,067,733</u> |
| Each participant unit is valued at \$1.00 | | | | |
| Participant units outstanding | | | 3,572,663,628 | 3,624,067,733 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE
Statements of Changes in Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
For the Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

| | Pension Trust | | Investment Trust | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Additions: | | | | |
| Contributions: | | | | |
| Employer contributions | \$ 33,683,550 | \$ 31,865,466 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Member contributions | 33,237,677 | 31,865,772 | - | - |
| Purchased service credit | 3,636,528 | 2,629,006 | - | - |
| Interest and penalties | 15,634 | 1,855 | - | - |
| Total contributions | <u>70,573,389</u> | <u>66,362,099</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Investment income: | | | | |
| Net change in fair value of investments | (178,531,370) | 308,580,419 | (202,384,896) | 391,832,839 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 48,889,586 | 48,309,521 | 112,082,263 | 107,039,898 |
| | <u>(129,641,784)</u> | <u>356,889,940</u> | <u>(90,302,633)</u> | <u>498,872,737</u> |
| Less investment expenses | 11,359,487 | 10,547,809 | 17,388,018 | 14,080,766 |
| Net investment income | <u>(141,001,271)</u> | <u>346,342,131</u> | <u>(107,690,651)</u> | <u>484,791,971</u> |
| Securities lending activity: | | | | |
| Securities lending income | 2,918,949 | 7,254,776 | 12,029,518 | 24,706,273 |
| Less securities lending expenses | 2,558,737 | 6,830,921 | 10,816,998 | 23,953,319 |
| Net securities lending income | <u>360,212</u> | <u>423,855</u> | <u>1,212,520</u> | <u>752,954</u> |
| Total additions | <u>(70,067,670)</u> | <u>413,128,085</u> | <u>(106,478,131)</u> | <u>485,544,925</u> |
| Deductions: | | | | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 105,764,195 | 98,784,161 | - | - |
| Partial lump-sum distributions | 692,139 | 953,744 | - | - |
| Refunds | 5,500,476 | 3,328,931 | - | - |
| Administrative charges | 1,639,521 | 1,592,060 | 333,264 | 300,296 |
| Total deductions | <u>113,596,331</u> | <u>104,658,896</u> | <u>333,264</u> | <u>300,296</u> |
| Net change in net assets resulting from operations | <u>(183,664,001)</u> | <u>308,469,189</u> | <u>(106,811,395)</u> | <u>485,244,629</u> |
| Unit transactions at net asset value of \$1.00 per unit: | | | | |
| Purchase of units | - | - | 316,098,641 | 140,877,109 |
| Redemption of units | - | - | (260,691,351) | (204,776,903) |
| Net change in assets and units resulting from unit transactions | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>55,407,290</u> | <u>(63,899,794)</u> |
| Total change in net assets | <u>(183,664,001)</u> | <u>308,469,189</u> | <u>(51,404,105)</u> | <u>421,344,835</u> |
| Net assets: | | | | |
| Beginning of year | <u>2,029,777,412</u> | <u>1,721,308,223</u> | <u>3,624,067,733</u> | <u>3,202,722,898</u> |
| End of Year | <u>\$ 1,846,113,411</u> | <u>\$ 2,029,777,412</u> | <u>\$ 3,572,663,628</u> | <u>\$ 3,624,067,733</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A) Reporting Entity

The North Dakota Retirement and Investment Office (RIO) is charged with providing and coordinating the administrative activities of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) and the North Dakota State Investment Board (SIB).

RIO is an agency of the State of North Dakota operating through the legislative authority of North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Chapter 54-52.5 and is considered part of the State of North Dakota financial reporting entity and included in the State of North Dakota's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

For financial reporting purposes, RIO has included all funds, and has considered all potential component units for which RIO is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with RIO are such that exclusion would cause RIO's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of RIO to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on RIO.

Based upon these criteria, there are no component units to be included within RIO as a reporting entity and RIO is part of the State of North Dakota as a reporting entity.

B) Fund Financial Statement

All activities of RIO are pension and investment trust funds and are shown in the fiduciary fund financial statements.

C) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of RIO are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

This measurement focus includes all assets and liabilities associated with the operations of the fiduciary funds on the statements of net assets. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Fiduciary Fund

A pension trust fund and investment trust funds have been established to account for the assets held by RIO in a trustee capacity for TFFR and as an agent for other governmental units or funds which have placed certain investment assets under the management of SIB. The SIB manages two external investment pools and one individual investment account.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Fiduciary Fund - Continued

The two external investment pools consist of a pension pool and insurance pool. SIB manages the investments of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System, Job Service of North Dakota, and Bismarck City Employees and Police, and City of Fargo pension plans in the pension pool. The investments of Workforce Safety and Insurance, State Fire and Tornado, State Bonding, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund, Insurance Regulatory Trust, Health Care Trust, Veterans Cemetery (transferred out in fiscal year 2008), North Dakota Association of Counties Fund, North Dakota Association of Counties Program Savings Fund, Risk Management, Risk Management Workers Comp, PERS Group Insurance, City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave, City of Fargo FargoDome Permanent Fund, Cultural Endowment Fund, and Budget Stabilization Fund are managed in the insurance pool.

PERS Retiree Health investments are managed by SIB in an individual investment account. RIO has no statutory authority over, nor responsibility for, these investment trust funds other than the investment responsibility provided for by statute or through contracts with the individual agencies. Those pool participants that are required to participate according to statute are: Public Employees Retirement System, Workforce Safety and Insurance, State Fire and Tornado, State Bonding, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund, Insurance Regulatory Trust, Health Care Trust, Veterans Cemetery (transferred out in fiscal year 2008), Risk Management, Risk Management Workers Comp, Cultural Endowment Fund and Budget Stabilization Fund.

RIO follows the pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the nationally accepted standard setting body for establishing accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for governmental entities.

Pension and Investment Trust Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Member contributions are recognized in the period in which they are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the NDCC.

D) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

D) Use of Estimates – Continued

Actual results could differ from those estimates. RIO utilizes various investment instruments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net assets.

E) Budgetary Process

RIO operates through a biennial appropriation, which represents appropriations recommended by the Governor and presented to the General Assembly (the Assembly) at the beginning of each legislative session. The Assembly enacts RIO's budget through passage of a specific appropriation bill. The State of North Dakota's budget is prepared principally on a modified accrual basis. The Governor has line item veto power over all legislation, subject to legislative override.

Once passed and signed, the appropriation bill becomes RIO's financial plan for the next two years. Changes to the appropriation are limited to Emergency Commission authorization, initiative, or referendum action. The Emergency Commission can authorize receipt of federal or other moneys not appropriated by the Assembly if the Assembly did not indicate an intent to reject the money. The Emergency Commission may authorize pass-through federal funds from one state agency to another. The Emergency Commission may authorize the transfer of expenditure authority between appropriated line items, however RIO has specific authority as a special fund to transfer between the contingency line item and other line items. Unexpended appropriations lapse at the end of each biennium, except certain capital expenditures covered under the NDCC section 54-44.1-11.

RIO does not use encumbrance accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is at the agency, appropriation and expenditure line item level. RIO does not formally budget revenues and it does not budget by fund. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - budget and actual is not prepared because revenues are not budgeted.

F) Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital asset expenditures greater than \$5,000 are capitalized at cost in accordance with Section 54-27-21 of the NDCC. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

| | <u>Years</u> |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Office equipment | 5 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 5 |

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June 30, 2008

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

G) Investments

NDCC Section 21-10-07 states that the SIB shall apply the prudent investor rule when investing funds under its supervision. The prudent investor rule means that in making investments, the fiduciaries shall exercise the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that an institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it, not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds, considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income.

The pension fund belonging to TFFR and investment trust funds attributable to the Bismarck City Employee Pension Plan, the Bismarck City Police Pension Plan, Fargo City Employee Pension Plan, Job Service of North Dakota, and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) must be invested exclusively for the benefit of their members. All investments are made in accordance with the respective fund's long-term investment objectives and performance goals.

Pooled Investments

Several agencies whose investments are under the supervision of the SIB participate in pooled investments. The agencies transfer money into the investment pools and receive an appropriate percentage ownership of the pooled portfolio based upon fair value. All activities of the investment pools are allocated to the agencies based upon their respective ownership percentages. Each participant unit is valued at \$1.00 per unit.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Quoted market prices, when available, have been used to value investments. The market values for securities that have no quoted market price represent estimated fair value. Many factors are considered in arriving at that value. International securities are valued based upon quoted foreign market prices and translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect at June 30. In general, corporate debt securities have been valued at quoted market prices or, if not available, values are based on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. Mortgages have been valued on the basis of their future principal and interest payments discounted at prevailing interest rates for similar instruments. The fair value of real estate investment securities, including timberland, is based on appraisals plus fiscal year-to-date capital transactions. Publicly traded alternative investments are valued based on quoted market prices. When not readily available, alternative investment securities are valued using current estimates of fair value from the investment manager. Such valuations

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

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June 30, 2008

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – Continued

consider variables such as financial performance of the issuer, comparison of comparable companies' earnings multiples, cash flow analysis, recent sales prices of investments, withdrawal restrictions, and other pertinent information. Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation for these other alternative investments, the estimated fair value may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed.

The net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized increase or decrease in fair value of investments during the year. Realized gains and losses on sales of investments are computed based on the difference between the sales price and the original cost of the investment sold. Realized gains and losses on investments that had been held in more than one fiscal year and sold in the current fiscal year were included as a change in the fair value of investments reported in the prior year(s) and the current year.

Unrealized increase or decrease is computed based on changes in the fair value of investments between years. Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income is recognized when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Securities Lending

GASB Statement No. 28, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Securities Lending Transactions," establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for securities lending transactions. The standard requires governmental entities to report securities lent as assets in their balance sheets. Cash received as collateral and investments made with that cash must also be reported as assets. The statement also requires the costs of the securities lending transactions to be reported as expenses separately from income received. In addition, the statement requires disclosures about the transactions and collateral related to them.

The State Investment Board (SIB) lends its securities to broker-dealers and other entities with a simultaneous agreement to return the collateral for the same securities in the future. The SIB has contracted with a third party securities lending agent (Agent) to lend the SIB's securities portfolios. The Agent lends securities of the type on loan at June 30, 2008, for collateral in the form of cash or other securities at 102% of the loaned securities market value plus accrued interest for domestic securities and 105% of the loaned securities market value plus accrued interest for international securities. The collateral for the loans

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Securities Lending – Continued

is maintained at 100% per the contractual requirements. As of June 30, 2008, the market value of the SIB's securities on loan totaled \$192,667,996. As of June 30, 2008, the total amount of cash and non-cash collateral related to these lent securities was \$196,015,966. As of June 30, 2008, the Fund has no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts the SIB owes the borrowers exceed the amounts the borrowers owe the SIB.

The Average Duration of the collateral investments as of June 30, 2008, was 6 days. The Average Weighted Maturity of collateral investments as of June 30, 2008, was 174 days. The interest rate sensitivity (duration) of the securities on loan matched the duration of the collateral investments.

The Agent provides indemnification if the borrowers fail to return the underlying securities (and if the collateral is inadequate to replace the securities lent) or fails to pay income distributions on them. All open securities loans can be terminated on demand by either the SIB or the borrower. All term securities loans can be terminated with five days notice by either the SIB or the borrower. Cash collateral is invested in accordance with investment guidelines approved by the SIB. The SIB cannot pledge or sell collateral securities received unless the borrower defaults.

Derivative Securities

SIB's investment policy allows investment managers to use derivative securities. Managers are specifically permitted to use Treasury futures and options, S & P 500 index futures and options, and currency forwards and futures to hedge portfolio risk, but not to speculate or to leverage the portfolio. Managers may use their discretion to use other derivatives to enhance returns, reduce risk, or facilitate the management of index funds. SIB's policy with respect to these derivatives is that their use may not increase the credit, market or legal risk level associated with a fully invested portfolio of common stocks or fixed income obligations, depending on the manager's designated role.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

H) Accumulated Leave

Annual leave is a part of permanent employees' compensation as set forth in Section 54-06-14 of the NDCC. Employees earn leave based on tenure of employment. Sick leave is also part of permanent employees' compensation as set forth in Section 54-52-04 of the NDCC. Accrued leave amounted to \$94,499 at June 30, 2008. The current portion of accrued leave amounted to \$71,335 at June 30, 2008, and is included in accrued expenses of the Fiduciary Funds in the statements of net assets. Changes in accrued leave for the year ended June 30, 2008 consisted of the following:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Balance July 1, 2007 | \$92,753 |
| Additions | 75,884 |
| Deductions | <u>(74,138)</u> |
| Balance June 30, 2008 | <u>\$94,499</u> |

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk

State law generally requires that all state funds be deposited in the Bank of North Dakota. NDCC 21-04-01 provides that public funds belonging to or in the custody of the state shall be deposited in the Bank of North Dakota. Also, NDCC 6-09-07 states, “[a]ll state funds...must be deposited in the Bank of North Dakota” or must be deposited in accordance with constitutional and statutory provisions.

Pension Trust Fund

Deposits held by the Pension Trust Fund at June 30, 2008 were deposited in the Bank of North Dakota. At June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of TFFR's deposits was \$11,040,507 and the bank balance was \$11,071,043. The difference results from checks outstanding or deposits not yet processed by the bank. These deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk as uninsured and uncollateralized. However, these deposits at the Bank of North Dakota are guaranteed by the State of North Dakota through NDCC Section 6-09-10.

Investment Trust Funds

Certificates of deposit and an insurance trust cash pool are recorded as investments and have a cost and carrying value of \$160,562,842 at June 30, 2008. In addition these funds carry cash and cash equivalents totaling \$73,357 at June 30, 2008. These deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk as uninsured and uncollateralized. However, these deposits held at the Bank of North Dakota are guaranteed by the State of North Dakota through NDCC Section 6-09-10.

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

The investment policy of the SIB is governed by NDCC 21-10. The SIB shall apply the prudent investor rule in investing for funds under its supervision. The “prudent investor rule” means that in making investments, the fiduciaries shall exercise the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that an institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it, not in regard to speculation but in regard to permanent disposition of funds, considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income. The retirement funds belonging to the teachers’ fund for retirement and the public employees retirement system must be invested exclusively for the benefit of their members and in accordance with the respective funds’ investment goals and objectives.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates of debt securities will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The price of a debt security typically moves in the opposite direction of the change in interest rates. The SIB does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to potential fair value losses arising from future changes in interest rates.

At June 30, 2008 the following table shows the investments by investment type and maturity (expressed in thousands).

| | Total Market Value | Less than 1 Year | 1-6 Years | 6-10 Years | 10+ Years |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Asset Backed Securities | \$ 41,040 | \$ - | \$ 918 | \$ 1,403 | \$ 38,719 |
| Bank Loans | 22,887 | 1,450 | 16,905 | 4,532 | - |
| Commercial Mortgage-Backed | 21,281 | - | 135 | - | 21,146 |
| Commercial Paper | - | - | - | - | - |
| Corporate Bonds | 664,627 | 12,294 | 203,956 | 241,048 | 207,329 |
| Corporate Convertible Bonds | 31,661 | 607 | 13,035 | - | 18,019 |
| Government Agencies | 61,575 | 5,005 | 25,845 | 15,868 | 14,857 |
| Government Bonds | 148,374 | 6,024 | 77,771 | 34,407 | 30,172 |
| Government Mortgage-Backed | 88,617 | 2 | 824 | 1,561 | 86,230 |
| Hedge Multi-Strategy | 83,441 | 83,441 | - | - | - |
| Index Linked Government Bonds | 126,720 | - | 36,951 | 40,889 | 48,880 |
| Municipal/Provincial Bonds | 12,221 | - | 2,019 | 5,313 | 4,889 |
| Non-Government Backed CMOs | 64,969 | 505 | 164 | 600 | 63,700 |
| Short Term Bills and Notes | 14,613 | 14,613 | - | - | - |
| Pooled Investments | 503,527 | 77,591 | 63,063 | 362,664 | 209 |
| Total Debt Securities | \$ 1,885,553 | \$ 201,532 | \$ 441,586 | \$ 708,285 | \$ 534,150 |

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS - Continued

Interest Rate Risk – Continued

In the table above, the market values of inflation indexed bonds are reflected in the columns based on their stated maturity dates. The principal balances of these bonds are adjusted every six months based on the inflation index for that period.

Some investments are more sensitive to interest rate changes than others. Variable and floating rate collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs), asset-backed securities (ABS), interest-only and principal-only securities are examples of investments whose fair values may be highly sensitive to interest rate changes.

Interest-only (IO) and principal-only (PO) strips are transactions, which involve the separation of the interest and principal components of a security. They are highly sensitive to prepayments by mortgagors, which may result from a decline in interest rates. The SIB held IOs valued at \$1.1 million, and POs valued at \$1.2 million at fiscal year end. The SIB has no policy regarding IO or PO strips.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The State Investment Board maintains a highly diversified portfolio of debt securities encompassing a wide range of credit ratings. Each debt securities manager is given a specific set of guidelines to invest within based on the mandate for which it was hired. The guidelines specify in which range of credit the manager may invest. These ranges include investment grade and high yield categories. The following table presents the SIB's ratings as of June 30, 2008 (expressed in thousands).

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS – Continued

Credit Risk – Continued

| | Total Market Value | Credit Rating* | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| | | AAA | AA | A | BBB | BB | B | CCC | D |
| Asset Backed Securities | \$ 41,040 | \$ 11,356 | \$ 2,038 | \$ 558 | \$ 3,670 | \$ 21,303 | \$ 2,011 | \$ 62 | \$ 42 |
| Bank Loans | 22,887 | - | - | - | 2,059 | 14,988 | 5,166 | 434 | 240 |
| Commercial Mortgage Backed | 21,281 | 20,498 | 560 | 223 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Corporate Bonds | 664,627 | 9,210 | 38,680 | 129,861 | 290,020 | 98,089 | 74,130 | 24,637 | - |
| Corporate Convertible Bonds | 31,661 | - | - | 4,935 | 6,897 | 12,357 | 3,696 | 3,776 | - |
| Gov't Agencies | 43,199 | 39,191 | - | 1,302 | 2,500 | 206 | - | - | - |
| Gov't Bonds | 142,842 | 106,333 | - | 25,204 | 8,209 | 3,096 | - | - | - |
| Gov't Mortgage Backed | 485 | 485 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hedge Multi-Strategy | 83,441 | - | 83,441 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Index Linked Gov't Bonds | 123,153 | 123,153 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Municipal/Provincial Bonds | 12,221 | 4,747 | 2,259 | - | 3,521 | 1,694 | - | - | - |
| Non-Gov't Backed CMOs | 64,969 | 44,144 | 12,121 | 7,354 | 570 | 641 | 139 | - | - |
| Pooled Investments | 503,527 | 243,253 | 111,367 | 77,711 | 58,860 | 12,166 | 170 | - | - |
| Total Credit Risk of Debt Securities | 1,755,333 | \$602,370 | \$250,466 | \$247,148 | \$376,306 | \$164,540 | \$85,312 | \$28,909 | \$282 |
| US Gov't & Agencies | 130,220 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Debt Securities | <u>\$1,885,553</u> | | | | | | | | |

* Majority of debt securities rated by S&P, however, some were determined by Moody's, Fitch or the manager.

Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or a deposit. Although the SIB does not have a formal investment policy governing foreign currency risk, the SIB does manage its exposure to fair value loss by requiring their international securities investment managers to maintain diversified portfolios to limit foreign currency and security risk. The SIB's exposure to foreign currency risk is presented in the following table as of June 30, 2008 (expressed in thousands).

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS – Continued

Foreign Currency Risk - Continued

| Currency | Short-Term | Debt | Equity | Total |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Australian dollar | \$ (6,327) | \$ 10,547 | \$ 15,621 | \$ 19,841 |
| Brazilian real | 3 | 7,162 | 4,420 | 11,585 |
| British pound sterling | (35,289) | 6,070 | 60,486 | 31,267 |
| Canadian dollar | (19,451) | 4,209 | 22,028 | 6,786 |
| Colombian peso | - | - | - | - |
| Danish krone | (1,221) | - | 3,431 | 2,210 |
| Euro | (58,596) | 3,382 | 122,535 | 67,321 |
| Hong Kong dollar | (1,326) | - | 5,594 | 4,268 |
| Hungarian forint | (180) | 222 | - | 42 |
| Iceland krona | - | 3,411 | - | 3,411 |
| Indonesian Rupiah | 21 | 4,094 | 30 | 4,145 |
| Japanese yen | (50,151) | - | 96,105 | 45,954 |
| Malaysian Ringgit | - | 7,221 | - | 7,221 |
| Mexican peso | (162) | 8,569 | 61 | 8,468 |
| New Zealand dollar | (134) | 4,038 | - | 3,904 |
| Norwegian krone | (1,319) | 1,255 | 6,027 | 5,963 |
| Polish zloty | (395) | 5,897 | 83 | 5,585 |
| Singapore dollar | (1,077) | 9,960 | 3,477 | 12,360 |
| South African rand | (35) | 3,598 | 175 | 3,738 |
| South Korean won | - | 936 | 308 | 1,244 |
| Swedish krona | (3,266) | 4,768 | 6,868 | 8,370 |
| Swiss franc | (20,006) | - | 35,445 | 15,439 |
| Thai baht | - | - | - | - |
| Turkish lira | 1,565 | - | - | 1,565 |
| International commingled funds (various currencies) | - | 94,880 | 360,310 | 455,190 |
| Total international investment securities | <u>\$ (197,346)</u> | <u>\$ 180,219</u> | <u>\$ 743,004</u> | <u>\$ 725,877</u> |

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS – Continued

Alternative Investments

In relation to investment asset allocation within the pension pool, the State Investment Board (SIB) considers alternative investments to be any investments that do not fit into any of the other specific asset classes available for investment. Examples of investments the SIB has included in the alternative investments asset class are private equity, venture capital and distressed debt. All of the investments in this asset class are in the form of limited partnerships with specific time horizons and capital commitments.

Private Equity — Private Equity investments are typically private interests in corporations across different areas of the capital structure and in different stages of the corporations' development via limited partnership vehicles. Private Equity investments are illiquid and long term in nature (10-12 years), typically held until maturity. Private Equity portfolios generally have a "J-Curve Effect" whereby there are low to negative returns in the initial years due to the payment of investment management fees and initial funding of investments made by the General Partner during a period when investments are typically carried at cost and returns have not been realized. To diversify the program, Private Equity investments are made across business cycles, vintage years, and different strategies.

Venture Capital — these include investments in companies in a range of stages of development from start-up/seed stage, early stage, and later/expansion stage. Investments are typically made in years one through six and returns typically occur in years four through ten.

Distressed Debt — these include investments in the debt instruments of companies which may be publicly traded or privately held that are financially distressed and are either in bankruptcy or likely candidates for bankruptcy. Typical holdings are senior and subordinated debt instruments, mortgages and bank loans.

The AICPA expands the definition of Alternative Investments for the purpose of performing audits. The expanded definition includes investments for which a readily determinable fair value does not exist (that is, investments not listed on national exchanges or over-the-counter markets, or for which quoted market prices are not available from sources such as financial publications, the exchanges, or Nasdaq). These types of investments can be held within any of the asset classes used by the SIB based on underlying portfolio holdings and analysis of risk and return relationships. These investments can be structured in different ways, including limited partnerships, limited liability companies, common trusts and mutual funds. Some are closed-ended with a specific life and capital commitment while others are open-ended with opportunity for ad hoc contributions or withdrawals and termination upon proper notice.

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Commingled/Mutual Funds — These types of funds are generally open-ended funds and may be utilized in equities or fixed income asset classes. They are funds made up of underlying securities that have readily available market values (publicly traded stocks or bonds). The SIB owns units of these funds rather than the individual securities. Contributions or withdrawals from these funds can be done as needed.

Private Equity — See definition above. The SIB has determined that private equity investments add diversification opportunities within asset classes that traditionally hold public equity investments. Therefore, there are private equity investments within equity asset classes as well as the alternative investments asset class.

Distressed Debt — See definition above. The SIB has determined that certain distressed debt investments add diversification and return opportunities within traditional fixed income asset classes. Therefore, there are distressed debt investments within fixed income asset classes as well as the alternative investments asset class.

Mezzanine Debt — This strategy is a hybrid of debt and equity financing. It is basically debt capital that gives the lender the rights to convert to an ownership or equity interest in the company if the loan is not paid back in time and in full. It is generally subordinated to senior debt. The SIB utilizes this strategy, through a limited partnership structure, in its high yield bond allocation.

Equity Long/Short — This strategy is a combination of long and short positions, primarily in publicly traded equities. The SIB utilizes this strategy in its US equity allocations.

Portable Alpha Strategies — This strategy separates alpha from beta in a portfolio by investing in securities that differ from the market index from which their beta is derived. Alpha is the return achieved over and above the return that results from the correlation between the portfolio and the market (beta). This strategy involves investing in areas that have little to no correlation with the beta of the portfolio. The SIB utilizes this strategy in its US equity and fixed income allocations.

Real Estate and Real “Tangible” Assets — These investments are intended to provide allocations to tangible assets that are expected to be inflation protected and provide performance above the inflation rate as indicated by the CPI. Investments are generally structured as limited partnerships or limited liability companies. Investments in Real Estate and Real Assets include:

Real Estate — includes investments in private vehicles through limited partnerships or commingled vehicles that have an ownership interest in direct real estate properties. The investment strategies may include “value added” strategies, which derive their return from both income and appreciation,

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS – Continued

Alternative Investments - Continued

“opportunistic”, which derive their return primarily through appreciation, and “alternative” which invest in less traditional types of property. Both domestic and international real estate funds are utilized. The SIB has a dedicated asset class for these types of investments.

Timberland — includes investments in limited liability companies that have an ownership interest in properties where the value of the property is derived mainly from income-producing timber but also from the “higher and better use” value of the underlying land. The SIB has analyzed this type of investment and determined that its risk and return profile is very similar to bonds. Therefore, they have chosen to include timberland in fixed income asset allocations to provide additional diversification and return options.

Infrastructure — includes investments in limited partnerships that have an ownership interest in transportation assets such as toll roads, tunnels and bridges; and regulated assets such as electricity transmission, gas and oil distribution and wastewater collection. Other possible investments would include communication assets and social infrastructure. Similar to timberland, the SIB has included these types of investments in fixed income asset allocations.

NOTE 4 SECURITIES LENDING

The following represents the balances relating to the securities lending transactions at June 30, 2008 (expressed in thousands).

| Securities Lent | Underlying Securities | Non-Cash Collateral Value | Cash Collateral Investment Value |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Lent for cash collateral: | | | |
| US agency securities | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| US government securities | 171,586 | - | 171,724 |
| US corporate fixed income securities | 3,503 | - | 3,593 |
| Global government fixed income securities | - | - | - |
| US equities | 5,900 | - | 6,336 |
| Global equities | 11,679 | - | 12,237 |
| Lent for non-cash collateral: | | | |
| US agency securities | - | - | - |
| US government securities | - | 2,126 | - |
| US corporate fixed income securities | - | - | - |
| US equities | - | - | - |
| Global equities | - | - | - |
| Total | \$ 192,668 | \$ 2,126 | \$ 193,890 |

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NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

| | 7/1/2007 | Additions | Retirements | 6/30/2008 |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Office equipment | \$ 27,996 | \$ 11,441 | \$ (5,526) | \$ 33,911 |
| Software | 1,213,500 | - | - | 1,213,500 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (452,115) | (244,833) | 5,526 | (691,422) |
| | \$ 789,381 | | | \$ 555,989 |

NOTE 6 STATE AGENCY TRANSACTIONS

Due To / Due From Other State Agencies

Amounts due to and due from other state agencies are as follows as of June 30, 2008:

Due To:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Information Technology Department | \$ 6,254 |
| Attorney General's Office | 663 |
| Secretary of State | 10 |
| Office of Management and Budget | <u>103</u> |
| Total due to other state agencies | <u>\$ 7,030</u> |

Due From:

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Bank of North Dakota | <u>\$ 47</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|

These balances are a result of a time lag between the dates that services are provided, the payments are made, and the transactions are entered into the accounting system.

NOTE 7 OPERATING LEASES

RIO leases office space under an operating lease, which expires on June 30, 2009. RIO also incurs rent expense at other locations on a temporary basis to sponsor retirement education for TFFR members. Rent expense totaled \$73,871 for fiscal 2008. RIO entered into a two-year lease for office space effective July 1, 2007. Minimum payments under this lease for fiscal 2009 are \$72,397.

NOTE 8 CAPITAL LEASES

RIO was obligated under a lease accounted for as a capital lease in its pension trust fund. The liability is reduced by payments of principal, with a portion of the payment allocated to interest expense. This lease was paid off in fiscal year 2008.

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NOTE 9 CHANGES IN NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Changes in noncurrent liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2008 is summarized as follows:

| | Beginning Balance 7/1/2007 | Additions | Reductions | Ending Balance 6/30/2008 | Amounts Due Within One Year |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Capital Leases Payable | \$ 1,210 | \$ - | \$ (1,210) | \$ - | \$ - |
| Accrued Annual Leave | 92,753 | 75,884 | (74,138) | 94,499 | 71,335 |
| | <u>\$ 93,963</u> | <u>\$ 75,884</u> | <u>\$ (75,348)</u> | <u>\$ 94,499</u> | <u>\$ 71,335</u> |

The Pension Trust Fund generally liquidates the capital lease. Pension and Investment Trust Funds liquidate the accrued annual leave.

NOTE 10 NORTH DAKOTA TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT

General

The following brief description of TFFR is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 15-39.1 for more complete information.

TFFR is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering all North Dakota public teachers and certain other teachers who meet various membership requirements. TFFR provides for pension, survivor and disability benefits. The costs to administer the TFFR plan are financed out of TFFR assets.

Membership

As of June 30, 2008 and 2007, the number of participating employer units was 235 and 244 consisting of the following:

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Public School Districts | 188 | 196 |
| County Superintendents | 12 | 13 |
| Special Education Units | 19 | 18 |
| Vocational Education Units | 3 | 3 |
| Other | <u>13</u> | <u>14</u> |
| Total | <u>235</u> | <u>244</u> |

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NOTE 10 NORTH DAKOTA TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT – Continued

Membership - Continued

TFFR's membership consisted of the following:

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits | 6,317 | 6,077 |
| Terminated employees - vested | 1,459 | 1,439 |
| Terminated employees - nonvested | <u>229</u> | <u>142</u> |
| Total | <u>8,005</u> | <u>7,658</u> |
| Current employees: | | |
| Vested | 8,262 | 8,355 |
| Nonvested | <u>1,299</u> | <u>1,244</u> |
| Total | <u>9,561</u> | <u>9,599</u> |

Investments

Current investment guidelines set by TFFR's board specify the percentage of assets to be invested in various types of investments (equities, fixed income securities, real estate, private equity, and cash). The overall long-term investment objective for TFFR is to match or exceed an expected rate of return of 8.93%, but at a minimum is not less than the 8% actuarially assumed rate of return required to pay future benefits. Long-term performance goals are set and evaluated by the boards of SIB and TFFR for each type of investment.

Realized Gains and Losses

Realized gains and losses on sales of investments are components of net appreciation in fair value of investments and are computed as described in Note 1. For the year ended June 30, 2008, TFFR had net realized gains of \$37,457,768.

Investment Expenses

Investment expenses consist of fees charged by RIO for investment managers and investment-related service fees from The Northern Trust Company, the Bank of North Dakota, and certain other investment advisors. All TFFR expenses are paid out of TFFR assets.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to TFFR are set by NDCC Section 15-39.1-09. Every eligible teacher in the State of North Dakota is required to be a member of TFFR and is assessed at a rate of 7.75% of salary as defined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-04. Every governmental body employing a teacher must also pay into TFFR a sum equal to 7.75% (8.25% effective July 1, 2008, until the fund reaches 90% funded ratio on actuarial basis) of the Teachers' salary.

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NOTE 10 NORTH DAKOTA TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT - Continued

Member and Employer Contributions - Continued

A vested member who terminates covered employment may elect a refund of contributions paid plus 6% interest or defer payment until eligible for pension benefits. A nonvested member who terminates covered employment must claim a refund of contributions paid before 70½. Refunded members forfeit all service credits under TFFR. These service credits may be repurchased upon return to covered employment under certain circumstances, as defined by the NDCC.

Pension Benefits

Effective July 1, 2008, for purposes of determining pension benefits, members are classified as those with service credit on file as of July 1, 2008, (Tier 1), and those newly employed and returning refunded members on or after July 1, 2008, (Tier 2).

Tier 1

A Tier 1 member is entitled to receive full benefits when three or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 85. TFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 6% per year for every year the member's retirement age is less than 65 years or the date as of which age plus service equal 85. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR are equal to the three highest annual salaries earned divided by 36 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas. All members may be eligible for legislative increases in monthly benefits.

Tier 2 (Effective July 1, 2008)

A Tier 2 member is entitled to receive full benefits when five or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 90. TFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 6% per year for every year the member's retirement age is less than 65 years or the date as of which age plus service equal 90. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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NOTE 10 NORTH DAKOTA TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT – Continued

Pension Benefits - Continued

Pension benefits paid by TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR are equal to the five highest annual salaries earned divided by 60 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas. Members may be eligible for legislative increases in monthly benefits.

Survivor and Disability Benefits

Survivor benefits may be paid to a member's designated beneficiary. If a member's death occurs before retirement, the benefit options available are determined by the member's vesting status prior to death. If a member's death occurs after retirement, the death benefit received by the beneficiary (if any) is based on the retirement plan the member selected at retirement.

An active member is eligible to receive disability benefits when: (a) a total disability lasting 12 months or more does not allow the continuation of teaching, (b) the member has accumulated one year of credited service in North Dakota, and (c) the Board of Trustees of TFFR has determined eligibility based upon medical evidence. The amount of the disability benefit is computed by the retirement formula in NDCC Section 15-39.1-10 without consideration of age and assuming the member has a minimum of 20 years of credited service. There is no actuarial reduction for reason of disability retirement.

Funded Status and Funding Progress

The funded status of the Defined Benefit Plan as of the most recent actuarial valuation date is as follows (in millions):

| Actuarial Valuation Date | Actuarial Value of Plan Assets | Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) | Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) | Funded Ratio | Annual Covered Payroll | UAAL as a Percentage of Annual Covered Payroll |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------|------------------------|--|
| 2008 July 1 | \$1,909.5 | \$2,330.6 | \$421.1 | 81.9% | \$417.7 | 100.8% |

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NOTE 10 NORTH DAKOTA TEACHERS’ FUND FOR RETIREMENT – Continued

Funded Status and Funding Progress - Continued

The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear funding trend information as obtained from TFFR’s independent actuary’s annual valuation report.

Expressing the actuarial value of assets as a percentage of the actuarial accrued liabilities provides an indication whether the plan is becoming financially stronger or weaker. Generally, the greater the percentage the stronger the retirement plan. Trends in unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities and annual covered payroll are both affected by inflation. Expressing the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities as a percentage of annual covered payroll aids analysis of progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Generally, the smaller this percentage the stronger the retirement plan.

The accompanying schedule of employer contributions, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents trend information about the amounts contributed to the plan by employers in comparison to the Annual Required Contribution (ARC). The ARC is actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 50. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost for each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed thirty years.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Valuation Date: | July 1, 2008 |
| Actuarial Cost Method: | Entry age normal |
| Amortization Method: | Level percentage of payroll |
| Amortization Period for GASB 25 ARC (**): | 30-year open period |
| Asset Valuation Method: | 5 year smoothed market |
| Actuarial Assumptions: | |
| Investment Rate of Return (*) | 8.00% |
| Projected Salary Increases (*) | 4.50% to 14.00% |
| Cost-of-Living Adjustments | None |

(*) Includes inflation at 3.00%

(**) The GASB Annual Required Contribution (ARC) for this plan is defined as the larger of (a) the sum of (i) the employer normal costs, and (ii) an amount necessary to amortize the UAAL as a level percentage of payroll over an open 30-year amortization period, or (b) the 8.25% statutory employer contribution rate. Payroll is assumed to increase at 2.00% per annum.

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NOTE 10 NORTH DAKOTA TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT – Continued

Funded Status and Funding Progress - Continued

The following updated actuarial assumptions were adopted by the TFFR board.

Updated actuarial assumptions effective July 1, 2005, consisted of the following:

1. The 1994 Uninsured Pensioner Mortality Table set back three years for males and two years for females.
2. Rates of retirement assumptions for members eligible to retire modified.
3. Changed termination rates to 80% of withdrawal rates based on age and service, for causes other than death, disability, or retirement.
4. For salary rate increases, assumptions are an inflation rate of 3.00% plus productivity increase rate of 1.50%, plus step-rate/promotional increase as modified.
5. Payroll growth rate of 2.00%, with an assumption that does not include any allowance for future increase in the number of members.

Benefit change for new hires employed after July 1, 2008, made at July 1, 2007:

1. Members who join TFFR on or after July 1, 2008, called Tier 2 members, will be subject to the following benefit provisions:
 - Vesting will require five years of service, not three years
 - Unreduced retirement will be available when the member's age plus years of service is at least 90, not 85
 - Unreduced retirement at age 65 will require five years of service, not three years
 - Reduced retirement at age 55 will require five years of service, not three years
 - The member's Final Average Compensation will be defined as a five-year average, not a three-year average

Change in definition of the Annual Required Contribution:

The GASB Annual Required Contribution (ARC) for this plan is defined to be the greater of the 8.25% statutory contribution rate or the sum of (a) the employer normal cost, and (b) the amount needed to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as a level percentage of payroll over 30 years. For fiscal year 2005 and prior years, the ARC was defined using a 20-year amortization with a level percentage of payroll.

NOTE 11 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)

Permanent employees of RIO participate in PERS, which is also an agency of the State of North Dakota financial reporting entity and is included in the State of North Dakota's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. PERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system that provides retirement, disability and death benefits to eligible employees and beneficiaries. PERS is administered in accordance with NDCC Chapter 54-52. PERS issues a publicly available financial report

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NOTE 11 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) - Continued

that may be obtained by writing to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System, 400 East Broadway, Suite 505, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501 or by calling 1-800-803-7377.

The financial statements of PERS are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized in the period in which they are due. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of PERS.

RIO is required to contribute to PERS at an actuarially determined rate for permanent employees. The current contribution rate is 8.12% of annual covered payroll as established by the NDCC. RIO's contributions to PERS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$73,133, \$68,366, and \$64,818, equal to the required contributions for each year plus a 1% contribution for retiree health benefits.

NOTE 12 RELATED PARTIES

As stated in Note 1, RIO is an agency of the State of North Dakota; as such, other agencies of the state are related parties.

NOTE 13 COMMITMENTS

The State Investment Board has at June 30, 2008, committed to fund certain alternative private equity partnerships for an amount of \$971.2 million. Funding of \$636.8 million has been provided, leaving an unfunded commitment of \$334.4 million.

NOTE 14 NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS

GASB Statement No. 50, "*Pension Disclosures-an amendment of GASB Statements No. 25 and No. 27*", was issued in May 2007, and implemented for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. This statement modifies the financial reporting requirements for pensions and enhances information disclosed in the notes to the financial statements or presented as required supplementary information.

NOTE 15 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to year-end, the credit and liquidity crisis in the United States and throughout the global financial system has resulted in substantial volatility in financial markets and the banking system. These and other economic events have had a significant adverse impact on investment portfolios. As a result, SIB managed (which includes TFFR Plan assets) investments have likely incurred a significant decline in fair value since June 30, 2008.

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Required Supplementary Information

June 30, 2008

Schedule of Funding Progress
 North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement
 (Dollars in Millions)

| Actuarial Valuation Date July 1 | Actuarial Value of Plan Assets | Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) | Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (Funded Excess) | Funded Ratio | Annual Covered Payroll | UAAL (Funded Excess) as a Percentage of Annual Covered Payroll |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--|
| 2003 | \$1,438.4 | \$1,690.3 | \$251.9 | 85.1% | \$367.9 | 68.5% |
| 2004 | 1,445.6 | 1,800.4 | 354.8 | 80.3 | 376.5 | 94.2 |
| 2005 | 1,469.7 | 1,965.2 | 495.5 | 74.8 | 386.6 | 128.2 |
| 2006 | 1,564.0 | 2,073.9 | 509.9 | 75.4 | 390.1 | 130.7 |
| 2007 | 1,750.1 | 2,209.3 | 459.2 | 79.2 | 401.3 | 114.4 |
| 2008 | 1,909.5 | 2,330.6 | 421.1 | 81.9 | 417.7 | 100.8 |

Schedule of Employer Contributions
 North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement

| Fiscal Year | Annual Required Contribution | Percentage Contributed |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2003 | \$ 28,850,725 | 100.0% |
| 2004 | 34,186,080 | 86.7% |
| 2005 | 44,471,740 | 68.3% |
| 2006 | 48,747,189 | 63.9% |
| 2007 | 50,532,462 | 63.1% |
| 2008 | 44,114,585 | 76.4% |

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE
 Combining Statement of Net Assets – Investment Trust Funds
 Fiduciary Funds
 As of June 30, 2008
 (With Comparative Totals for 2007)

| | Pension Pool Participants | | | | | Insurance Pool Participants | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Public Employees Retirement System | Bismarck City Employee Pension Plan | Bismarck City Police Pension Plan | Job Service of North Dakota | City of Fargo Employee Pension Plan | Workforce Safety & Insurance | State Fire & Tornado | State Bonding | Petroleum Tank Release Comp. Fund | Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund |
| Assets: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investments | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equities | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Equity pool | 934,134,393 | 20,683,404 | 10,631,455 | 33,461,205 | 15,817,138 | 252,005,517 | 8,481,055 | 838,324 | 2,820,710 | 1,151,103 |
| Fixed income | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fixed income pool | 644,103,751 | 23,097,878 | 9,277,106 | 56,211,468 | 10,444,283 | 906,858,202 | 14,445,705 | 1,415,135 | 4,348,404 | 1,457,427 |
| Real estate pool | 121,924,794 | 5,375,053 | 2,232,500 | - | 1,595,296 | 83,402,474 | - | - | - | - |
| Alternative Investments | 99,234,751 | 303,817 | 734,527 | - | 1,684,654 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash and cash pool | 9,799,104 | 177,709 | 97,628 | 105,055 | 122,633 | 8,442,930 | 2,656,655 | 263,002 | 1,326,385 | 1,471,935 |
| Total investments | 1,809,196,793 | 49,637,861 | 22,973,216 | 89,777,728 | 29,664,004 | 1,250,709,123 | 25,583,415 | 2,516,461 | 8,495,499 | 4,080,465 |
| Invested sec lending collateral | 29,156,196 | 917,267 | 378,078 | 2,781,230 | 477,898 | 136,798,103 | 821,154 | 81,315 | 250,026 | 84,775 |
| Investment income receivable | 3,833,432 | 82,703 | 44,180 | 230,971 | (6,444) | 8,442,876 | 116,214 | 28,561 | 57,934 | 6,961 |
| Operating Cash | 31,831 | - | - | - | - | 45,423 | 602 | 452 | 445 | 136 |
| Miscellaneous receivable | 2,765 | - | - | - | - | 1,963 | 40 | 4 | 14 | 6 |
| Due from other state agency | 5 | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| Total assets | 1,842,221,022 | 50,637,831 | 23,395,474 | 92,789,929 | 30,135,458 | 1,395,997,492 | 26,521,425 | 2,626,793 | 8,803,918 | 4,172,343 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investment expenses payable | 2,276,912 | 66,462 | 30,269 | 91,934 | 36,681 | 1,481,102 | 39,241 | 3,903 | 12,375 | 4,363 |
| Securities lending collateral | 29,156,196 | 917,267 | 378,078 | 2,781,230 | 477,898 | 136,798,103 | 821,154 | 81,315 | 250,026 | 84,775 |
| Accounts payable | 11,815 | - | - | - | - | 8,388 | 170 | 16 | 59 | 27 |
| Accrued expenses | 19,647 | - | - | - | - | 14,147 | 293 | 30 | 105 | 30 |
| Miscellaneous payable | - | 1,370 | 636 | 2,509 | 829 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Due to other state agencies | 395 | - | - | - | - | 280 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Total liabilities | 31,464,965 | 985,099 | 408,983 | 2,875,673 | 515,408 | 138,302,020 | 860,864 | 85,265 | 262,567 | 89,196 |
| Net assets held in trust for external investment pool participants | \$ 1,810,756,057 | \$ 49,652,732 | \$ 22,986,491 | \$ 89,914,256 | \$ 29,620,050 | \$ 1,257,695,472 | \$ 25,660,561 | \$ 2,541,528 | \$ 8,541,351 | \$ 4,083,147 |
| Each participant unit is valued at \$1.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Participant units outstanding | 1,810,756,057 | 49,652,732 | 22,986,491 | 89,914,256 | 29,620,050 | 1,257,695,472 | 25,660,561 | 2,541,528 | 8,541,351 | 4,083,147 |

| Insurance Pool Participants | | | | | | | | | | | Individual Investment Acct. | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Health Care Trust Fund | Cultural Endowment Fund | Risk Mgmt | Risk Mgmt Work Comp | ND Ass'n. of Counties Fund | ND Ass'n of Counties Program Savings | PERS Group Insurance | Budget Stabilization Fund | City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave | City of Fargo FargoDome Fund | PERS Retiree Health Credit Fund | Totals | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2008 | 2007 |
| \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 25,968,232 | \$ 25,968,232 | \$ 29,149,500 |
| - | 142,303 | 1,018,171 | 1,054,641 | 594,408 | 345,037 | - | - | 225,663 | 7,710,677 | - | 1,291,115,204 | 1,501,115,243 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13,658,848 | 13,658,848 | 15,383,953 |
| - | 104,429 | 2,351,498 | 1,907,002 | 470,681 | 416,865 | - | 151,887,600 | 533,063 | 8,207,326 | - | 1,837,537,823 | 1,707,756,245 |
| - | 13,979 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 214,544,096 | 205,201,801 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 101,957,749 | 85,898,100 |
| 2,284,976 | 8,447 | 185,642 | 94,366 | 58,779 | 41,265 | 4,391,120 | 45,986,033 | 41,024 | 168,054 | - | 77,722,742 | 68,344,985 |
| 2,284,976 | 269,158 | 3,555,311 | 3,056,009 | 1,123,868 | 803,167 | 4,391,120 | 197,873,633 | 799,750 | 16,086,057 | 39,627,080 | 3,562,504,694 | 3,612,849,827 |
| - | 6,303 | 131,410 | 105,814 | 28,528 | 24,053 | - | - | 29,659 | 469,259 | - | 172,541,068 | 441,048,728 |
| - | 35 | 47,430 | 5,654 | 880 | 509 | - | 998,889 | 988 | 7,437 | 379,616 | 14,278,826 | 15,301,708 |
| 280 | 152 | 195 | 389 | - | - | - | 350 | - | - | - | 80,255 | 81,972 |
| 3 | - | 6 | 6 | - | - | - | 295 | - | - | - | 5,102 | 4,011 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | 23 |
| 2,285,259 | 275,648 | 3,734,352 | 3,167,872 | 1,153,276 | 827,729 | 4,391,120 | 198,873,167 | 830,397 | 16,562,753 | 40,006,696 | 3,749,409,954 | 4,069,286,269 |
| - | 354 | 5,483 | 4,648 | 1,672 | 1,231 | - | 32,950 | 1,346 | 22,507 | 25,282 | 4,138,715 | 4,109,302 |
| - | 6,303 | 131,410 | 105,814 | 28,528 | 24,053 | - | - | 29,659 | 469,259 | - | 172,541,068 | 441,048,728 |
| 15 | 2 | 23 | 26 | - | - | - | 1,263 | - | - | - | 21,804 | 16,676 |
| 130 | 3 | 42 | 45 | - | - | - | 1,642 | - | - | - | 36,114 | 36,231 |
| - | - | - | - | 250 | 250 | 250 | - | 250 | 447 | 1,105 | 7,896 | 6,341 |
| - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 42 | - | - | - | 729 | 1,258 |
| 145 | 6,662 | 136,959 | 110,534 | 30,450 | 25,534 | 250 | 35,897 | 31,255 | 492,213 | 26,387 | 176,746,326 | 445,218,536 |
| <u>\$ 2,285,114</u> | <u>\$ 268,986</u> | <u>\$ 3,597,393</u> | <u>\$ 3,057,338</u> | <u>\$ 1,122,826</u> | <u>\$ 802,195</u> | <u>\$ 4,390,870</u> | <u>\$ 198,837,270</u> | <u>\$ 799,142</u> | <u>\$ 16,070,540</u> | <u>\$ 39,980,309</u> | <u>\$ 3,572,663,628</u> | <u>\$ 3,624,067,733</u> |
| 2,285,114 | 268,986 | 3,597,393 | 3,057,338 | 1,122,826 | 802,195 | 4,390,870 | 198,837,270 | 799,142 | 16,070,540 | 39,980,309 | 3,572,663,628 | 3,624,067,733 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE
Combining Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Investment Trust Funds
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008
(With Comparative Totals for 2007)

| | Pension Pool Participants | | | | | Insurance Pool Participants | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Public Employees Retirement System | Bismarck City Employee Pension Plan | Bismarck City Police Pension Plan | Job Service of North Dakota | City of Fargo Employee Pension Plan | Workforce Safety & Insurance | State Fire & Tornado | State Bonding | Petroleum Tank Release Comp. Fund | Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund | Health Care Trust Fund |
| Additions: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investment income: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net change in fair value of investments | \$ (133,303,450) | \$ (2,969,501) | \$ (1,541,978) | \$ (2,847,451) | \$ (2,060,774) | \$ (38,116,867) | \$ (1,888,307) | \$ (199,930) | \$ (700,200) | \$ (162,849) | \$ - |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 43,867,012 | 1,396,664 | 610,805 | 2,133,511 | 357,768 | 50,628,924 | 1,011,901 | 100,393 | 356,171 | 122,260 | 76,044 |
| | (89,436,438) | (1,572,837) | (931,173) | (713,940) | (1,703,006) | 12,512,057 | (876,406) | (99,537) | (344,029) | (40,589) | 76,044 |
| Less investment expenses | 11,257,255 | 330,632 | 147,621 | 622,355 | 138,325 | 4,439,530 | 86,491 | 8,570 | 28,760 | 8,294 | - |
| Net investment income | (100,693,693) | (1,903,469) | (1,078,794) | (1,336,295) | (1,841,331) | 8,072,527 | (962,897) | (108,107) | (372,789) | (48,883) | 76,044 |
| Securities lending activity: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Securities lending income | 3,485,257 | 104,911 | 45,443 | 284,811 | 14,215 | 7,884,760 | 87,976 | 8,462 | 28,897 | 8,075 | - |
| Less Securities lending expenses | 3,123,166 | 94,265 | 40,768 | 258,635 | 10,574 | 7,101,126 | 79,170 | 7,594 | 25,948 | 7,279 | - |
| Net securities lending income | 362,091 | 10,646 | 4,675 | 26,176 | 3,641 | 783,634 | 8,806 | 868 | 2,949 | 796 | - |
| Total Additions | (100,331,602) | (1,892,823) | (1,074,119) | (1,310,119) | (1,837,690) | 8,856,161 | (954,091) | (107,239) | (369,840) | (48,087) | 76,044 |
| Deductions: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative Expenses | 190,508 | - | - | - | - | 118,294 | 2,398 | 993 | 981 | 994 | 979 |
| Net change in net assets resulting from operations | (100,522,110) | (1,892,823) | (1,074,119) | (1,310,119) | (1,837,690) | 8,737,867 | (956,489) | (108,232) | (370,821) | (49,081) | 75,065 |
| Unit transactions at net asset value of \$1 per unit: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase of units | 3,208,999 | - | - | - | 31,807,740 | 4,000,000 | 9,500,000 | - | - | 3,500,000 | - |
| Redemption of units | (26,165,000) | - | - | (3,473,103) | (350,000) | (55,000,000) | (11,350,000) | (80,000) | (1,110,000) | (3,350,000) | - |
| Net change in net assets and units resulting from unit transactions | (22,956,001) | - | - | (3,473,103) | 31,457,740 | (51,000,000) | (1,850,000) | (80,000) | (1,110,000) | 150,000 | - |
| Total change in net assets | (123,478,111) | (1,892,823) | (1,074,119) | (4,783,222) | 29,620,050 | (42,262,133) | (2,806,489) | (188,232) | (1,480,821) | 100,919 | 75,065 |
| Net assets: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beginning of year | 1,934,234,168 | 51,545,555 | 24,060,610 | 94,697,478 | - | 1,299,957,605 | 28,467,050 | 2,729,760 | 10,022,172 | 3,982,228 | 2,210,049 |
| End of year | \$ 1,810,756,057 | \$ 49,652,732 | \$ 22,986,491 | \$ 89,914,256 | \$ 29,620,050 | \$ 1,257,695,472 | \$ 25,660,561 | \$ 2,541,528 | \$ 8,541,351 | \$ 4,083,147 | \$ 2,285,114 |

| Insurance Pool Participants | | | | | | | | | | | Individual Investment Acct. | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Veterans Cemetery | Cultural Endowment Fund | Risk Mgmt | Risk Mgmt Work Comp | ND Ass'n of Counties Fund | ND Ass'n of Counties Program Savings | PERS Group Insurance | Budget Stabilization Fund | City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave | City of Fargo FargoDome Fund | PERS Retiree Health Credit Fund | Totals | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2008 | 2007 |
| \$ - | \$ (29,699) | \$ (231,219) | \$ (305,448) | \$ (127,524) | \$ (75,391) | \$ - | \$ (8,591,387) | \$ (57,118) | \$ (1,474,491) | \$ (7,701,312) | \$ (202,384,896) | \$ 391,832,839 |
| 1,479 | 9,101 | 144,326 | 152,814 | 38,236 | 29,646 | 334,983 | 8,845,339 | 33,570 | 492,384 | 1,338,932 | 112,082,263 | 107,039,898 |
| 1,479 | (20,598) | (86,893) | (152,634) | (89,288) | (45,745) | 334,983 | 253,952 | (23,548) | (982,107) | (6,362,380) | (90,302,633) | 498,872,737 |
| - | 1,132 | 11,757 | 12,136 | 5,148 | 3,861 | 1,000 | 115,864 | 3,835 | 54,510 | 110,942 | 17,388,018 | 14,080,766 |
| 1,479 | (21,730) | (98,650) | (164,770) | (94,436) | (49,606) | 333,983 | 138,088 | (27,383) | (1,036,617) | (6,473,322) | (107,690,651) | 484,791,971 |
| - | 755 | 12,713 | 13,970 | 3,474 | 2,631 | - | - | 2,924 | 40,244 | - | 12,029,518 | 24,706,273 |
| - | 673 | 11,476 | 12,601 | 3,094 | 2,356 | - | - | 2,624 | 35,649 | - | 10,816,998 | 23,953,319 |
| - | 82 | 1,237 | 1,369 | 380 | 275 | - | - | 300 | 4,595 | - | 1,212,520 | 752,954 |
| 1,479 | (21,648) | (97,413) | (163,401) | (94,056) | (49,331) | 333,983 | 138,088 | (27,083) | (1,032,022) | (6,473,322) | (106,478,131) | 485,544,925 |
| 46 | 434 | 990 | 989 | - | - | - | 15,658 | - | - | - | 333,264 | 300,296 |
| 1,433 | (22,082) | (98,403) | (164,390) | (94,056) | (49,331) | 333,983 | 122,430 | (27,083) | (1,032,022) | (6,473,322) | (106,811,395) | 485,244,629 |
| 1,033 | 16,500 | - | - | - | - | 157,000,000 | 100,527,369 | - | 5,000,000 | 1,537,000 | 316,098,641 | 140,877,109 |
| (124,716) | - | - | (1,000,000) | - | - | (157,000,000) | (1,688,532) | - | - | - | (260,691,351) | (204,776,903) |
| (123,683) | 16,500 | - | (1,000,000) | - | - | - | 98,838,837 | - | 5,000,000 | 1,537,000 | 55,407,290 | (63,899,794) |
| (122,250) | (5,582) | (98,403) | (1,164,390) | (94,056) | (49,331) | 333,983 | 98,961,267 | (27,083) | 3,967,978 | (4,936,322) | (51,404,105) | 421,344,835 |
| 122,250 | 274,568 | 3,695,796 | 4,221,728 | 1,216,882 | 851,526 | 4,056,887 | 99,876,003 | 826,225 | 12,102,562 | 44,916,631 | 3,624,067,733 | 3,202,722,898 |
| \$ - | \$ 268,986 | \$ 3,597,393 | \$ 3,057,338 | \$ 1,122,826 | \$ 802,195 | \$ 4,390,870 | \$ 198,837,270 | \$ 799,142 | \$ 16,070,540 | \$ 39,980,309 | \$ 3,572,663,628 | \$ 3,624,067,733 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

Pension and Investment Trust Funds – Schedule of Administrative Expenses

For the Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

| | Pension Trust | | Investment Trust | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Salaries and wages: | | | | |
| Salaries and wages | \$519,997 | \$489,246 | \$289,018 | 268,569 |
| Fringe benefits | 168,629 | 145,156 | 73,570 | 66,958 |
| Total salaries and wages | <u>688,626</u> | <u>634,402</u> | <u>362,588</u> | <u>335,527</u> |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Information services | 66,267 | 59,907 | 8,371 | 9,936 |
| Intergovernmental services | 6,226 | 6,008 | 2,075 | 2,003 |
| Professional fees | 202,373 | 203,481 | 33,821 | 21,878 |
| Rent of building space | 52,026 | 51,221 | 21,845 | 21,327 |
| Lease/rent of office equipment | (413) | (1,290) | 797 | 3,025 |
| Mailing services and postage | 40,915 | 41,700 | 17,782 | 16,677 |
| Travel and lodging | 31,975 | 28,582 | 13,906 | 12,839 |
| Printing | 14,164 | 26,566 | 6,506 | 5,844 |
| Office supplies | 3,592 | 7,608 | 805 | 1,407 |
| Professional development | 12,635 | 14,798 | 10,117 | 1,065 |
| Outside services | 7,594 | 9,884 | 2,719 | 5,686 |
| Small office equipment expense | 4,110 | 12,224 | 570 | 3,172 |
| Miscellaneous fees | 6,175 | 2,533 | 3,187 | 2,159 |
| Resource and reference materials | 591 | 833 | 707 | 946 |
| Service contracts - office equipment | 0 | 112 | 0 | 38 |
| IT contractual services | 102,791 | 102,129 | 585 | 181 |
| Repairs - office equipment | 443 | 169 | 133 | 12 |
| Insurance | 1,011 | 1,064 | 337 | 355 |
| Total operating expenses | <u>552,475</u> | <u>567,529</u> | <u>124,263</u> | <u>108,550</u> |
| Pension trust portion of investment program expenses | 153,587 | 143,782 | (153,587) | (143,782) |
| Depreciation | 244,833 | 246,348 | - | - |
| Total administrative expenses | <u>1,639,521</u> | <u>1,592,061</u> | <u>333,264</u> | <u>300,295</u> |
| Capital assets | 11,441 | - | - | - |
| Capital lease payments - principal | 1,210 | 4,451 | - | - |
| Less - nonappropriated items: | | | | |
| Professional fees | 202,373 | 203,481 | 33,821 | 21,878 |
| Other operating fees paid under continuing appropriation | 12,798 | 13,964 | 24,156 | 25,094 |
| Depreciation | 244,833 | 246,348 | - | - |
| Accrual adjustments to employee benefits | 3,605 | (5,435) | (1,859) | (817) |
| Total nonappropriated items | <u>463,609</u> | <u>458,358</u> | <u>56,118</u> | <u>46,155</u> |
| Total appropriated expenditures | <u>\$ 1,188,563</u> | <u>\$ 1,138,154</u> | <u>\$ 277,146</u> | <u>\$ 254,140</u> |

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

Schedule of Appropriations – Budget Basis

Fiduciary Funds

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009 Biennium

| | Approved 2007-2009 Appropriation | 2007-2009 Appropriation Adjustment | Adjusted 2007-2009 Appropriation | Fiscal 2008 Expenses | Unexpended Appropriations |
|--------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| All Fund Types: | | | | | |
| Salaries and wages | \$ 2,334,909 | \$ 18,228 | \$ 2,353,137 | \$ 1,049,470 | \$ 1,303,667 |
| Operating expenses | 935,999 | - | 935,999 | 404,798 | 531,201 |
| Contingency | 82,000 | - | 82,000 | 11,441 | 70,559 |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,352,908</u> | <u>\$ 18,228</u> | <u>\$ 3,371,136</u> | <u>\$ 1,465,709</u> | <u>\$ 1,905,427</u> |

NOTE: Only those expenses for which there are appropriations are included in this statement.

Reconciliation of Administrative Expenses
to Appropriated Expenditures

| | 2008 |
|--|--------------------|
| Administrative expenses as reflected in the financial statements | 1,972,785 |
| Plus: | |
| Capital assets | 11,441 |
| Capital lease payments - principal | 1,210 |
| Less: | |
| Professional fees | (236,194) |
| Other operating fees paid under continuing appropriations* | (36,954) |
| Depreciation expense | (244,833) |
| Changes in annual leave and FICA payments | (1,746) |
| Total appropriated expenses | <u>\$1,465,709</u> |

* North Dakota Century Code 21-10-06.2 and 15-39.1-05.2 provide authorization for the continuing appropriation.

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

Pension Trust Fund - Schedule of Investment Expenses

For the Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Investment managers' fees: | | |
| Domestic large cap equity managers | \$ 2,481,980 | \$ 2,766,305 |
| Domestic small cap equity managers | 1,126,009 | 1,144,929 |
| International equity managers | 1,879,098 | 1,998,428 |
| Emerging markets equity managers | 1,134,320 | 754,438 |
| Domestic fixed income managers | 1,941,477 | 813,102 |
| High yield fixed income managers | 1,355,064 | 967,072 |
| International fixed income managers | 331,436 | 307,349 |
| Real estate managers | 1,983,139 | 1,815,867 |
| Private equity managers | 1,959,890 | 3,129,870 |
| Cash & equivalents managers | <u>19,900</u> | <u>21,891</u> |
| Total investment managers' fees | 14,212,313 | 13,719,251 |
| Custodian fees | 414,885 | 375,019 |
| Investment consultant fees | <u>95,218</u> | <u>86,066</u> |
| Total investment expenses | <u>\$ 14,722,416</u> | <u>\$ 14,180,336</u> |
| Securities lending fees | <u>\$ 2,558,737</u> | <u>\$ 6,830,921</u> |

Reconciliation of Investment Expenses to Financial Statements

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Investment expenses as reflected in the financial statements | \$ 11,359,487 | \$ 10,547,809 |
| Plus investment management fees included in investment income | | |
| Domestic large cap equity | 224,966 | - |
| Domestic small cap equity | 326,676 | 560,592 |
| International equity | 130,153 | - |
| Emerging markets equity | 452,309 | 141,833 |
| High Yield | 441,884 | 63,816 |
| Private equity | 1,713,230 | 2,844,395 |
| Cash equivalents | 19,900 | 21,891 |
| Investment expenses per schedule | <u>\$ 14,722,416</u> | <u>\$ 14,180,336</u> |

NORTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

Pension Trust Fund - Schedule of Consultant Expenses

For the Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Actuary fees: | | |
| Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co. | \$ 132,107 | \$ 118,261 |
| Consulting fees: | | |
| Brady Martz & Associates, P.C. | 34,519 | 33,641 |
| Buck Consultants | - | 43,000 |
| Enterprise Solutions Inc. | - | 480 |
| Miriam Carver-Carver Governance | <u>2,344</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total consulting fees: | 36,863 | 77,121 |
| Disability consulting fees: | | |
| Dr. G.M. Lunn | 625 | 275 |
| Legal fees: | | |
| Calhoun Law Group P.C. | 634 | - |
| ND Attorney General | <u>32,144</u> | <u>8,304</u> |
| Total legal fees: | 32,778 | 8,304 |
| Total consultant expenses | <u>\$ 202,373</u> | <u>\$ 203,961</u> |

Reconciliation of Consultant Expenses to Schedule of Administrative Expenses

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total professional services on schedule | \$ 202,373 | \$ 203,481 |
| Plus IT contractual services from ESI | <u>-</u> | <u>480</u> |
| Total consultant expenses | <u>\$ 202,373</u> | <u>\$ 203,961</u> |

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INVESTMENT SECTION





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November 17, 2008

Members of the
North Dakota State Investment Board
North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement Board

Dear Board Members:

It is a pleasure to provide the following summary of the North Dakota Pension and Insurance pools' investment portfolios and market environment for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Introduction

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the \$3.8 billion North Dakota Pension investment pool portfolio experienced a net total return of -6.40%. The Teachers' Fund for Retirement, a participant in the Pension pool, had a net loss of 7.51% for the year. The Insurance investment pool, valued at \$1.5 billion on June 30, 2008, returned 0.32% net, during the same time frame. The investment return calculations were prepared using a monthly time-weighted rate of return methodology based upon market values and are subject to independent audit.

The Pension and Insurance investment pools are pooled investment funds. The Pension pool was created in 1989 in an effort to realize cost savings through pooling of pension assets. The Insurance pool was created in 1993 for similar reasons. A list of the participants and their ownership in each pool is provided in this section of the report. The pooled funds' strategies are a proportional reflection of the investment objectives of each of the participating funds. The returns experienced by the individual funds were consistent with their respective investment policies and related asset allocations. Investment program details for the participating plans, including investment objectives and a listing of their 42 external investment managers are presented in the Investment Section.

Our investment program's cost effectiveness as measured by expense ratio is 66.4 basis points and includes investment office administrative expenses, consultant fees, money manager fees and master custodian fees. Allocation of monthly income and expenses to the participants in the pools is based on a time-weighted beginning balance. A "time factor" and "time-weighted amount" are calculated for each plan based on individual plan-related activities. The time-weighted amounts are added up for all plan-related activities to compose the time-weighted beginning balance used to allocate the activity of the pool. Five-year annualized risk for the period ended June 30, 2008, as measured by standard deviation has been 7.28% for the Pension Trust and 3.59% for the Insurance Trust. Risk exposure for each participating fund is also limited in accordance with the guidelines presented in the Investment Section.

Economic Overview

During the last fiscal year the Federal Reserve slashed interest rates from 5.25% to 2.0%, in an attempt to increase consumer spending and bolster the economy. Despite the effort of the Fed, the cost of funds to companies and to individuals has actually risen due to the risk aversion in the credit market. As a result, both home sales and home prices are down precipitously from the middle of 2007. The combination of such home price declines, a weakening job market and higher oil prices has resulted in an uneasy consumer. In fact, the University of Michigan's Index of Consumer Sentiment dropped to a 28-year low of 56.4 in June 2008. Inflation pressures continue to build, particularly in commodities and producer prices. The year-over-year Consumer Price Index (CPI) hit 5% in June, the highest level since 1991. Producer prices rose 9.2% over the same period marking the largest increase in 27 years. Real GDP was driven primarily by net exports buoyed by the weak dollar and economic growth abroad.

Domestic Equity Overview

The last fiscal year showed negative results across the broad equity market. The S&P 1500 Index, a broad market indicator, finished the fiscal year with a return of -12.72%, giving back much of the gains from the prior fiscal year return of 20.22%. Over the last fiscal year, the September quarter was the only quarter in which the index had a positive return (1.65%). Large cap stocks held up slightly better than small cap stocks over this time period. The S&P 500, a large cap index, outpaced the S&P 600, a small cap index, -13.12% to -14.67% respectively. Growth stocks held up much better than Value stocks in all capitalization ranges during fiscal year 2008. The difference was most pronounced in the large cap arena, where value lost 18.78% while growth stocks were down only 5.96%.

International Equity Overview

International equity, as represented by the MSCI EAFE Index, produced lackluster results in fiscal year 2008. The index lost 10.61%, a sharp turn around from the 27.00% gain from the year before. International Growth outperformed International Value in every quarter of fiscal year 2008. For the trailing twelve months ended June 30, 2008, MSCI EAFE Growth Index lost 4.44% while the MSCI EAFE Value Index was down 16.60%. Norway, rich with commodity and energy stocks, fared much better than the index returning 8.70% for the fiscal year. Despite a loss of 12.5% in January, the Emerging Markets Index gained 4.89% for the fiscal year. A gain much less than the 45.45% return in the year prior.

Domestic Fixed-Income Overview

The bond market, as measured by the Lehman Aggregate Bond Index, had a 7.12% return for the four quarters ended June 30, 2008. This return was 100 basis points above the 6.12% return of the prior fiscal year. The first half of the fiscal year was marked by a "flight to quality" where fixed income investors shifted to US Treasuries due to uncertainty within financial markets. Because of increased demand for Treasuries, yields were driven down, which ultimately widened spreads between Treasuries and spread sector products. This pattern continued until the final quarter of the fiscal year when investors started selling Treasuries to take on more risk.

The Lehman Government/Credit Intermediate index returned 7.37% over the fiscal year. This return was slightly higher than the 6.78% gain of the Lehman Government/Credit Long Index. Corporate bonds were up by a relatively modest amount as the Lehman Credit Index rose 3.81% over the same time period.

High yield investors showed negative returns as yield spreads continued to widen. The Lehman High Yield Index lost 2.26% over the trailing twelve months.

International Fixed-Income Overview

Due in large part to a declining US Dollar, the international bond market showed a large gain for fiscal year 2008. The Citi Non-US World Government Bond Index rose 18.72%, despite a decline of 4.72% in the June quarter. The Citi Euro Government Bond Index fared even better with a 19.94% gain for the fiscal year. Rising inflation and slower growth was more pronounced in the emerging market countries leading to underperformance relative to the developed world. The JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Plus Index gained 5.16% for the fiscal year.

Real Estate Overview

The NCREIF Total Index gained 9.20% over the past four quarters. The September and December quarters produced positive returns gaining 3.56% and 3.21% respectively. The second half of the fiscal year was not as favorable with a modest return of 1.60% in the March quarter and a .56% return in the June quarter. The NAREIT Total Index had a negative 13.64% return for the most recent fiscal year. The majority of this loss was due to a negative 12.06% loss that occurred in the December quarter.

Alternative Investments Overview

After a record breaking calendar year 2007 the first half of 2008 is only 3% behind 2007's record pace, which is unexpected given the current bear market environment. Much of the activity is occurring in the distressed debt arena with \$14 billion raised over nine funds in the most recent quarter alone. Another bright spot for private equity activity is taking place in Europe, with \$61 billion raised across 79 funds so far this year. Weakness continues in buyout commitments where activity thus far in calendar year 2008 is 20% (\$16 billion) behind last years pace. Due to the nature of private equity performance measurement, relative comparisons of fund performance with benchmarks are inherently ambiguous. Instead of recognizing any particular index as representative of the opportunity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, it is worth noting that the Pension Trust's alternative investment allocation of Total Fund assets was 5.3%. The market value of the alternative investment allocation, including investment returns and net new investment, gained 4.56% over the prior fiscal year.

Summary

Fiscal year 2008 brought an atmosphere of change to the investments markets. As the woes of the sub-prime mortgage markets began to spill over into the broader credit markets, the stock market took note. This made for a challenging investment environment which no longer rewarded the controlled risks of value investing, credit exposure and quantitative modeling. Broad diversification was helpful in this fiscal year, but it was not enough to continue the levels of performance experienced during the several previous fiscal years. The State Investment Board will continue its mission to remain long-term oriented and seek investments which have proven successful over full market cycles.

Sincerely,



STEVE COCHRANE, CFA
Executive Director/CIO

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE SUMMARY JUNE 30, 2008

| | Market Value | % Of Pool | Rates of Return (net of fees) | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|---------|
| | | | For Fiscal Year Ended 6/30 | | | | | Annualized | |
| | | | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 3 Years | 5 Years |
| PENSION POOL PARTICIPANTS | | | | | | | | | |
| Teachers' Fund for Retirement | \$1,829,544,106 | 47.7% | -7.51% | 20.04% | 14.79% | 13.36% | 19.30% | 8.42% | 11.50% |
| Public Employees Retirement System | 1,813,030,225 | 47.3% | -5.60% | 18.96% | 12.00% | 14.07% | 16.66% | 7.94% | 10.85% |
| Bismarck City Employee Pension Fund | 49,720,564 | 1.3% | -3.82% | 17.02% | 9.13% | 13.81% | 14.85% | 7.09% | 9.93% |
| Bismarck City Police Pension Fund | 23,017,396 | 0.6% | -4.69% | 17.87% | 10.18% | 13.45% | 15.99% | 7.37% | 10.25% |
| Job Service of North Dakota | 90,008,699 | 2.3% | -1.64% | 16.40% | 7.09% | 14.72% | 12.57% | 7.03% | 9.63% |
| City of Fargo Pension Fund | 29,657,560 | 0.8% | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Subtotal Pension Pool Participants | 3,834,978,550 | 100.0% | | | | | | | |
| INSURANCE POOL PARTICIPANTS | | | | | | | | | |
| Workforce Safety & Insurance Fund | 1,259,151,999 | 82.2% | 0.57% | 10.33% | 3.45% | 7.29% | 9.62% | 4.70% | 6.19% |
| State Fire and Tornado Fund | 25,699,629 | 1.7% | -4.01% | 12.43% | 5.27% | 6.66% | 9.98% | 4.34% | 5.91% |
| State Bonding Fund | 2,545,022 | 0.2% | -4.14% | 12.41% | 5.28% | 6.62% | 9.88% | 4.29% | 5.85% |
| Petroleum Tank Release Fund | 8,553,433 | 0.6% | -4.07% | 12.37% | 5.58% | 6.51% | 10.41% | 4.41% | 6.00% |
| Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund | 4,087,426 | 0.3% | -2.71% | 11.10% | 5.75% | 5.41% | 9.62% | 4.56% | 5.72% |
| Health Care Trust Fund | 2,284,976 | 0.1% | 3.43% | 5.01% | 5.11% | 4.34% | 2.91% | 4.51% | 4.16% |
| State Risk Management Fund | 3,602,741 | 0.2% | -2.70% | 11.20% | 2.38% | 5.98% | 8.09% | 3.47% | 4.88% |
| State Risk Management Workers Comp | 3,061,663 | 0.2% | -3.99% | 12.17% | 3.25% | 5.88% | * | 3.60% | * |
| Cultural Endowment Fund | 269,193 | 0.0% | -7.59% | 15.68% | 6.32% | * | * | 4.36% | * |
| Budget Stabilization Fund | 198,872,522 | 13.0% | 0.01% | 5.12% | * | * | * | * | * |
| ND Assoc. of Counties (NDACo) Fund | 1,124,748 | 0.1% | -7.79% | 15.46% | 6.38% | 7.19% | 12.43% | 4.24% | 6.42% |
| NDACo Program Savings Fund | 803,676 | 0.1% | -5.77% | 13.91% | 6.25% | 7.18% | 12.42% | 4.48% | 6.56% |
| City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave | 800,738 | 0.1% | -3.20% | 11.81% | 4.30% | 6.75% | 8.91% | 4.12% | 5.59% |
| PERS Group Insurance | 4,391,120 | 0.3% | 3.43% | 5.38% | 4.50% | 2.46% | 1.20% | 4.43% | 3.38% |
| City of Fargo FargoDome Permanent Fund | 16,093,494 | 1.1% | -6.25% | 14.00% | 5.44% | 7.21% | 12.38% | 4.06% | 6.31% |
| Subtotal Insurance Pool Participants | 1,531,342,380 | 100.0% | | | | | | | |
| INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT | | | | | | | | | |
| Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund | 40,006,696 | 100.0% | -14.19% | 16.65% | 8.47% | 8.74% | 15.24% | 2.78% | 6.35% |
| TOTAL | \$5,406,327,626 | | | | | | | | |

BENCHMARKS

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| S&P 500 | -13.12% | 20.59% | 8.63% | 6.32% | 19.11% | 4.41% | 7.58% |
| Lehman Brothers Aggregate | 7.12% | 6.12% | -0.81% | 6.80% | 0.32% | 4.08% | 3.85% |
| 90 Day T-Bills | 3.63% | 5.21% | 4.00% | 2.15% | 0.98% | 4.28% | 3.18% |
| Callan Public Plan Sponsors Database (Median) | -4.84% | 17.17% | 10.42% | 9.29% | 15.10% | 7.18% | 9.14% |

* These funds do not have the specified years of history under SIB management.

Note: Asset allocation largely drives investment performance. Each fund has a unique allocation that takes into consideration return objectives, risk tolerance, liquidity constraints, and unique circumstances. Such considerations must be taken into account when comparing investment results.

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS AND RESULTS
PENSION POOL PARTICIPANTS
FOR PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

| | Style | Date Initiated | Market Value | Annualized Rates of Return | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
| DOMESTIC LARGE CAP EQUITY: | | | | | | |
| Epoch Investment Partners, Inc. | Absolute Return | 07/2007 | \$ 68,728,349 | * | * | * |
| European Credit Management LTD | Portable Alpha | 11/2007 | 63,840,646 | * | * | * |
| Franklin Portfolio Associates | Market Neutral | 09/2006 | 61,763,575 | -12.58% | * | * |
| Los Angeles Capital Management | Structured Growth | 08/2003 | 157,475,485 | -6.74% | 8.46% | * |
| Los Angeles Capital Management | Enhanced Russell 1000 | 08/2000 | 127,963,081 | -10.50% | 6.78% | 9.25% |
| LSV Asset Management | Structured Value | 06/1998 | 138,751,465 | -21.93% | 3.99% | 11.63% |
| Northern Trust Global Investments | Enhanced S&P 500 | 08/2000 | 58,718,056 | -15.84% | 3.28% | 6.90% |
| Prudential | Portable Alpha | 03/2008 | 72,804,068 | * | * | * |
| State Street Global Advisors | 130/30 Long/Short | 06/1987 | 73,497,803 | -18.03% | 3.34% | 6.93% |
| Wells Capital Management Co. | Portable Alpha | 04/2006 | 104,139,249 | -30.50% | * | * |
| Westridge Capital Management, Inc. | Index Arbitrage | 08/2000 | 131,472,530 | -11.87% | 5.29% | 8.36% |
| TOTAL DOMESTIC LARGE CAP EQUITY | | | <u>1,059,154,307</u> | -15.66% | 4.66% | 8.54% |
| Standard & Poor's 500 Index | | | | -13.12% | 4.41% | 7.58% |
| DOMESTIC SMALL CAP EQUITY: | | | | | | |
| Callan Associates, Inc. | Mgr of Managers | 05/2006 | 102,244,619 | -15.34% | * | * |
| SEI Investments Management Co. | Mgr of Managers | 06/2001 | 242,219,772 | -21.52% | 2.22% | 9.56% |
| TOTAL DOMESTIC SMALL CAP EQUITY | | | <u>344,464,391</u> | -19.70% | 3.05% | 10.10% |
| Russell 2000 Index | | | | -16.19% | 3.79% | 10.29% |
| INTERNATIONAL EQUITY: | | | | | | |
| Capital Guardian Trust Company | Core | 03/1992 | 163,642,761 | -13.47% | 12.06% | 14.62% |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors | Small Cap Value | 11/2007 | 51,865,582 | * | * | * |
| LSV Asset Management | Core | 11/2004 | 152,137,528 | -23.48% | 8.62% | * |
| State Street Global Advisors | Enhanced EAFE Index | 03/1987 | 52,959,039 | -12.42% | 13.12% | 14.81% |
| Wellington Trust Company, NA | Small Cap Growth | 03/2002 | 53,439,072 | -14.30% | 10.81% | 17.10% |
| TOTAL INTERNATIONAL EQUITY | | | <u>474,043,982</u> | -17.91% | 10.12% | 14.52% |
| MSCI EAFE 50% Hedged Index | | | | -15.49% | 10.78% | 14.99% |
| EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY: | | | | | | |
| Capital International | Private Equity | 08/2007 | 10,739,302 | * | * | * |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors | Small Cap | 10/2005 | 30,223,626 | -13.59% | * | * |
| J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. | Core | 11/2005 | 29,333,503 | 4.43% | * | * |
| PanAgora Asset Management, Inc. | Core | 02/2006 | 30,178,552 | 7.93% | * | * |
| UBS Global Asset Management | Core | 07/2005 | 46,122,039 | 6.73% | * | * |
| WestLB Asset Management, LLC | Core | 03/2006 | 31,182,579 | 11.77% | * | * |
| TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY | | | <u>177,779,601</u> | 3.69% | 27.95% | 29.48% |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index | | | | 4.89% | 27.52% | 30.15% |
| DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME: | | | | | | |
| Bank of North Dakota | LB G/C Index | 01/1988 | 100,292,630 | 7.77% | 3.99% | 3.63% |
| Calamos | Convertibles | 10/2006 | 61,169,324 | -2.16% | * | * |
| J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. | Infrastructure | 05/2007 | 113,875,561 | 15.05% | * | * |
| Prudential | Private Debt | 06/2005 | 58,820,436 | 3.62% | 3.66% | * |
| Timberland Investment Resources - Teredo | Timberland | 06/2001 | 75,064,735 | 22.69% | 15.91% | 14.93% |
| Timberland Investment Resources - Springbank | Timberland | 09/2004 | 166,576,942 | 17.23% | 19.32% | * |
| Wells Capital Management, Inc. | Baa Average | 11/1998 | 74,083,100 | 3.91% | 3.09% | 4.55% |
| Western Asset Management Co. | Core Bonds | 02/1986 | 58,447,150 | -0.10% | 1.99% | 3.11% |
| Westridge Capital Management, Inc. | Index Arbitrage | 01/2008 | 53,381,321 | * | * | * |
| TOTAL DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME | | | <u>761,711,199</u> | 9.78% | 8.80% | 10.20% |
| Lehman Brothers Aggregate Index | | | | 7.12% | 4.09% | 3.85% |

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS AND RESULTS
PENSION POOL PARTICIPANTS (CONTINUED)
FOR PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

| | Style | Date | Market Value | Annualized Rates of Return | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | Initiated | | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
| HIGH YIELD FIXED INCOME: | | | | | | |
| Declaration Mgmt & Research | Distressed Mortgages | 05/2008 | 3,660,134 | * | * | * |
| Goldman Sachs | Mezzanine Debt-2006 | 04/2006 | 6,560,894 | -3.89% | * | * |
| Goldman Sachs | Mezzanine Debt-Fund V | 11/2007 | 7,354,991 | * | * | * |
| Loomis Sayles | High Yield | 04/2004 | 113,931,490 | -0.92% | 5.92% | * |
| PIMCO | Distressed Mortgages | 10/2007 | 12,391,968 | * | * | * |
| Wells Capital Management, Inc. | High Yield | 04/2004 | 100,341,550 | -5.08% | 3.30% | * |
| Trust Company of the West | Mezz Debt - Energy | 07/2007 | 9,658,590 | * | * | * |
| TOTAL HIGH YIELD FIXED INCOME | | | 253,899,617 | -3.62% | 4.39% | 6.83% |
| Lehman Brothers High Yield Corp 2% Issuer Cap | | | | -1.74% | 4.48% | 6.84% |
| INTERNATIONAL FIXED INCOME: | | | | | | |
| UBS Global Asset Management | Core Non-U.S. | 03/1989 | 94,879,700 | 17.52% | 5.87% | 6.84% |
| Brandywine Asset Management | Core Non-U.S. | 05/2003 | 100,237,040 | 11.17% | 7.49% | 8.94% |
| TOTAL INTERNATIONAL FIXED INCOME | | | 195,116,740 | 14.24% | 6.67% | 7.89% |
| Citigroup Non-US Gov't Bond Index | | | | 18.72% | 6.65% | 7.06% |
| ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS | | | | | | |
| Adams Street Partners (I.V.C.F. II) | Diversified Private Equity | 03/1989 | 5,751 | 19.90% | 24.67% | 16.18% |
| Adams Street Partners (I.V.C.F. III) | Diversified Private Equity | 01/1993 | 250,829 | 43.93% | 72.98% | 50.49% |
| Adams Street Partners (1998 Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 01/1998 | 1,016,350 | 6.91% | 16.93% | 15.91% |
| Adams Street Partners (1999 Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 01/1999 | 3,068,742 | 13.31% | 16.14% | 14.44% |
| Adams Street Partners (2000 Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 10/1999 | 10,296,421 | 21.82% | 21.03% | 17.78% |
| Adams Street Partners (2001 Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 12/2000 | 8,663,455 | 2.22% | 12.37% | 9.51% |
| Adams Street Partners (2002 Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 03/2002 | 4,711,241 | 3.20% | 14.93% | 10.72% |
| Adams Street Partners (2003 Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 04/2003 | 1,613,644 | -6.41% | 16.61% | 9.01% |
| Adams Street Partners (1999 Non-U.S. Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 01/1999 | 1,456,453 | -9.78% | 40.17% | 35.08% |
| Adams Street Partners (2000 Non-U.S. Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 01/2000 | 3,531,406 | 27.03% | 38.56% | 28.82% |
| Adams Street Partners (2001 Non-U.S. Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 02/2001 | 2,386,052 | 13.44% | 14.61% | 13.91% |
| Adams Street Partners (2002 Non-U.S. Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 05/2002 | 6,375,059 | 14.08% | 44.34% | 32.08% |
| Adams Street Partners (2003 Non-U.S. Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 04/2003 | 5,177,336 | 24.94% | 42.47% | 23.29% |
| Adams Street Partners (2004 Non-U.S. Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 04/2004 | 2,485,864 | 29.17% | 25.88% | * |
| Adams Street Partners (2008 Non-U.S. Fund) | Diversified Private Equity | 01/2008 | 334,476 | * | * | * |
| Adams Street Partners (B.V.C.F. IV) | Diversified Private Equity | 05/1999 | 15,293,391 | -1.94% | 6.30% | 9.07% |
| Adams Street Partners (Direct Co-Investment) | Direct Private Equity | 09/2006 | 15,833,271 | 4.06% | * | * |
| Coral Partners, Inc. (V.P. II) | Direct Venture Capital | 06/1990 | 13,582 | -58.58% | -24.60% | -13.13% |
| Coral Partners, Inc. (Fund V) | Direct Venture Capital | 03/1998 | 8,563,981 | 9.09% | 5.22% | -8.24% |
| Coral Partners, Inc. (Supplemental Fund V) | Direct Venture Capital | 08/2001 | 905,046 | -6.34% | 3.94% | 6.41% |
| Coral Partners, Inc. (Momentum Fund) | Direct Venture Capital | 07/2002 | 15,102,998 | 13.96% | -3.64% | -7.09% |
| Corsair Capital (Fund III) | Pvt Eq - Financial Svcs | 02/2006 | 13,972,418 | 64.06% | * | * |
| Corsair Capital (ND Investors) | Pvt Eq - Financial Svcs | 03/2008 | 10,000,000 | * | * | * |
| Hearthstone Homebuilding Investors (MSII) | Residential Financing | 10/1999 | 85,347 | -62.01% | -99.97% | -98.61% |
| Hearthstone Homebuilding Investors (MSIII) | Residential Financing | 09/2003 | 1,485,284 | -10.75% | 63.83% | * |
| Invest America (Lewis and Clark) | Direct Venture Capital | 02/2002 | 7,899,668 | 27.35% | 13.22% | 1.67% |
| Matlin Patterson Global Opportunities Fund I | Distressed Debt | 07/2002 | 7,835,368 | -29.56% | -11.62% | 10.19% |
| Matlin Patterson Global Opportunities Fund II | Distressed Debt | 10/2004 | 33,251,945 | -5.54% | 8.03% | * |
| Matlin Patterson Global Opportunities Fund III | Distressed Debt | 06/2007 | 16,467,493 | -20.03% | * | * |
| Quantum Energy Partners | Pvt Equity - Energy | 01/2007 | 2,513,240 | -3.17% | * | * |
| Quantum Resources | Pvt Equity - Energy | 10/2006 | 2,678,462 | -52.43% | * | * |
| TOTAL ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS | | | 203,274,573 | 4.56% | 11.94% | 11.12% |

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS AND RESULTS
PENSION POOL PARTICIPANTS (CONTINUED)
FOR PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

| | Style | Initiated | Market Value | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| REAL ESTATE: | | | | | | |
| INVESCO Realty Advisors | Core Commingled | 08/1997 | 149,464,922 | 8.71% | 16.82% | 15.77% |
| INVESCO Realty Advisors | Core Plus LP | 11/2007 | 3,306,374 | * | * | * |
| J. P. Morgan Investment Mgmt. Inc. | Core Commingled | 10/1987 | 156,709,973 | 6.80% | 15.67% | 15.50% |
| J. P. Morgan Investment Mgmt. Inc. | Alternative Commingled | 01/2006 | 37,696,083 | 7.13% | * | * |
| J. P. Morgan Investment Mgmt. Inc. | Asian LP | 01/2008 | 3,606,696 | * | * | * |
| TOTAL REAL ESTATE | | | <u>350,784,048</u> | 7.27% | 15.15% | 14.95% |
| NCREIF Total Index | | | | 9.20% | 14.97% | 14.73% |
| CASH EQUIVALENTS: | | | | | | |
| The Northern Trust Company | STIF/STEP | 07/1994 | <u>14,750,092</u> | 0.71% | 3.44% | 2.80% |
| 90 Day T-Bills | | | | 3.63% | 4.27% | 3.18% |
| TOTAL PENSION POOL | | | <u>\$ 3,834,978,550</u> | -5.82% | 8.70% | 11.60% |
| Policy Target | | | | -4.21% | 7.91% | 10.22% |

INSURANCE POOL PARTICIPANTS

| | Style | Date Initiated | Market Value | Annualized Rates of Return | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
| DOMESTIC LARGE CAP EQUITY: | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles Capital Management | Structured Growth | 08/2003 | \$ 21,124,257 | -7.57% | 7.91% | * |
| Los Angeles Capital Management | Enhanced Russell 1000 | 04/2004 | 41,098,028 | -9.35% | 7.20% | * |
| LSV Asset Management | Structured Value | 06/1998 | 18,622,090 | -21.07% | 4.23% | 12.00% |
| State Street Global Advisors | S&P 500 Index | 10/1996 | 13,596,195 | -18.05% | 3.31% | 6.90% |
| Westridge Capital Management, Inc. | Enhanced S&P 500 | 04/2004 | 41,661,962 | -11.80% | 5.33% | * |
| TOTAL DOMESTIC LARGE CAP EQUITY | | | <u>136,102,532</u> | -12.42% | 5.99% | 9.59% |
| Standard & Poor's 500 Index | | | | -13.12% | 4.41% | 7.58% |
| DOMESTIC SMALL CAP EQUITY: | | | | | | |
| Research Affiliates | | 07/2007 | 22,342,404 | * | * | * |
| SEI Investments Management Co. | Mgr of Managers | 06/2001 | <u>22,872,927</u> | -20.06% | 2.95% | 9.98% |
| TOTAL DOMESTIC SMALL CAP EQUITY | | | <u>45,215,331</u> | -20.25% | 2.87% | 9.92% |
| Russell 2000 Index | | | | -16.19% | 3.79% | 10.29% |
| INTERNATIONAL EQUITY: | | | | | | |
| Capital Guardian Trust Company | Core | 04/1997 | 39,329,278 | -11.79% | 12.88% | 15.03% |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors | Small Cap Value | 11/2007 | 9,176,757 | * | * | * |
| LSV Asset Management | Core | 11/2004 | 37,910,170 | -25.29% | 7.92% | * |
| The Vanguard Group | Small Cap Growth | 06/2003 | <u>9,057,906</u> | -17.05% | 12.35% | 20.89% |
| TOTAL INTERNATIONAL EQUITY | | | <u>95,474,111</u> | -18.30% | 10.39% | 15.17% |
| MSCI EAFE 50% Hedged Index | | | | -15.49% | 10.78% | 14.99% |

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS AND RESULTS
INSURANCE POOL PARTICIPANTS (CONTINUED)
FOR PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

| | Style | Date Initiated | Market Value | Annualized Rates of Return | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
| DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME: | | | | | | |
| Bank of North Dakota (BND) | LB G/C Index | 07/1989 | 94,996,481 | 7.76% | 3.99% | 3.34% |
| Clifton Group | Enhanced Fixed Income | 07/2006 | 54,941,192 | 11.67% | * | * |
| Hyperion Brookfield | Mortgage Backed | 01/2007 | 43,609,101 | -19.73% | * | * |
| Prudential | Core-Plus | 08/2006 | 55,562,170 | 5.20% | * | * |
| Wells Capital | Baa Average Quality | 04/2002 | 190,488,110 | 3.77% | 3.17% | 4.01% |
| Western Asset Management Co. | Core Bond | 07/1990 | 188,494,019 | 2.27% | 2.97% | 3.76% |
| TOTAL DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME | | | <u>628,091,073</u> | 2.65% | 2.82% | 3.30% |
| Lehman Brothers Aggregate Index | | | | 7.12% | 4.09% | 3.85% |
| INFLATION PROTECTED ASSETS: | | | | | | |
| Northern Trust Global Investments | Index | 05/2004 | 144,904,184 | 15.67% | 5.81% | * |
| Western Asset Management Co. | Core | 05/2004 | 141,247,512 | 12.38% | 4.47% | * |
| TOTAL INFLATION PROTECTED ASSETS | | | <u>286,151,696</u> | 14.02% | 5.14% | * |
| Lehman Brothers US TIPS Index | | | | 15.09% | 5.59% | * |
| REAL ESTATE: | | | | | | |
| J. P. Morgan Investment Mgmt. Inc. | Core Commingled | 11/2005 | 84,217,744 | 0.61% | * | * |
| TOTAL REAL ESTATE | | | <u>84,217,744</u> | 0.61% | * | * |
| NCREIF Total Index | | | | 9.20% | 14.97% | * |
| CASH EQUIVALENTS: | | | | | | |
| Bank of North Dakota | Enhanced MMDA | 07/1989 | 67,420,615 | 3.44% | 4.44% | 3.38% |
| 90 Day T-Bills | | | | 3.63% | 4.27% | 3.18% |
| TOTAL INSURANCE POOL | | | <u>\$ 1,342,673,102</u> | 0.68% | 4.89% | 6.30% |
| Policy Target | | | | 3.94% | 5.71% | 6.48% |
| NON-POOLED INVESTMENTS | | | | | | |
| Bank of North Dakota Match Loan CD's Held by Workforce Safety & Insurance | Certificates of Deposit | various | 35,782,795 | 4.63% | * | * |
| Held by Budget Stabilization Fund | Certificates of Deposit | various | 57,359,432 | 5.24% | * | * |
| Prudential (Budget Stabilization Fund) | Enhanced Cash Fund | 07/2007 | 95,527,051 | -4.19% | * | * |

* This manager/category has less than the indicated years under management due to addition of asset class or replacement of investment managers during this time period.

The investment return calculations were prepared using a monthly time-weighted rate of return methodology based upon market values and are subject to independent audit. Returns are shown before the effect of investment management fees, except for alternative investments, which are shown net of fees.

**LARGEST HOLDINGS (By Market Value)
AT JUNE 30, 2008**

PENSION POOL PARTICIPANTS

| Shares | Stocks | Market Value |
|---------------|--|---------------------|
| 230,958 | Exxon Mobile Corporation | \$ 20,354,329 |
| 100,198 | International Business Machines Corporation | 11,876,469 |
| 113,138 | Chevron Corporation | 11,215,370 |
| 613,401 | Pfizer Incorporated | 10,716,115 |
| 98,191 | National Oilwell Varco | 8,711,506 |
| 305,721 | Microsoft Corporation | 8,410,385 |
| 34,000 | Potash Corporation | 7,928,027 |
| 117,900 | Johnson & Johnson | 7,585,686 |
| 140,595 | Philip Morris International Inc. | 6,943,987 |
| 71,577 | ConocoPhillips | 6,756,153 |
| Par | Bonds | Market Value |
| 25,000,000 | Tiers Credit Backed TR 2006-14 Due 01-25-2019 | \$ 20,968,750 |
| 25,000,000 | Tiers Credit Backed TR 2006-5 Due 07-25-2018 | 20,937,500 |
| 10,000,000 | US Treasury Bonds 4.125% Due 08-15-2010 | 10,303,120 |
| 6,500,000 | FNMA Single Family Mortgage 5% 30 Years (August) | 6,215,625 |
| 5,500,000 | US Treasury Notes 6.5% Due 2-15-2010 | 5,852,341 |
| 6,205,000 | New South Wales Treasury 5.5% SR MTN 01-03-2017 | 5,373,546 |
| 5,400,000 | FNMA 30 Year Pass-Throughs 5.5% (August) | 5,308,875 |
| 12,351,000 | Republic of Poland Bonds 5.25% 10/17/2025 | 5,268,730 |
| 4,350,000 | US Treasury Notes 3.5% Due 11-15-2009 | 4,417,969 |
| 13,825,000 | Malaysia Bonds 3.756% 04-11-2028 | 4,183,253 |

INSURANCE POOL PARTICIPANTS

| Shares | Stocks | Market Value |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| 40,163 | Exxon Mobile Corporation | \$ 3,539,565 |
| 17,824 | International Business Machines Corporation | 2,112,679 |
| 18,792 | Chevron Corporation | 1,862,851 |
| 103,761 | Pfizer Incorporated | 1,812,705 |
| 6,100 | Potash Corporation | 1,422,381 |
| 119,200 | BP Amoco Ord USD0.25 | 1,383,620 |
| 14,680 | BNP Paribas | 1,330,847 |
| 19,600 | CSX Corporation | 1,231,076 |
| 18,935 | Johnson & Johnson | 1,218,278 |
| 11,353 | Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation | 1,134,051 |
| Par | Bonds | Market Value |
| 11,635,000 | US Treasury Notes Inflation Linked 1.625% 01-15-2015 | \$ 13,521,818 |
| 7,070,000 | US Treasury Bonds Inflation Index Linked 3.875% 04-15-2029 | 11,982,788 |
| 6,940,000 | US Treasury Bonds Inflation Index Linked 3.625% Due 4-15-2028 | 11,482,358 |
| 9,800,000 | US Treasury Bonds Inflation Index Linked 2% Due 1-15-2026 | 10,503,069 |
| 7,335,000 | US Treasury Notes Inflation Indexed 0.875% 04-15-2010 | 8,461,438 |
| 6,720,000 | US Treasury Notes Inflation Indexed 1.875% Due 07-15-2015 | 7,773,334 |
| 7,120,000 | US Treasury Notes Inflation Indexed 1.625% Due 01-15-2018 | 7,420,462 |
| 5,335,000 | US Treasury Notes Inflation Indexed 3.5% 01-15-2011 | 7,168,470 |
| 6,190,000 | US Treasury Notes Inflation Indexed 2% 01-15-2016 | 7,058,488 |
| 7,030,000 | Comcast Corporation Note 5.875% Due 02-15-2018 | 6,763,486 |

The individual investment account, PERS Retiree Health Credit Fund, is invested in various commingled funds, and so has no individual stock or bond holdings. A complete list of all holdings is available upon request.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT FEES & COMMISSIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

| | Assets under management | Fees | Basis points |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Investment managers' fees: | | | |
| Domestic large cap equity managers | \$ 1,195,256,839 | \$ 5,728,599 | 46 |
| Domestic small cap equity managers | 389,679,722 | 2,641,084 | 65 |
| International equity managers | 569,518,093 | 3,536,343 | 57 |
| Emerging markets equity managers | 177,779,601 | 2,275,173 | 106 |
| Domestic fixed income managers | 1,578,471,550 | 8,666,661 | 54 |
| Inflation protected assets managers | 286,151,696 | 59,045 | 2 |
| High yield fixed income managers | 253,899,617 | 2,387,315 | 90 |
| International fixed income managers | 195,116,740 | 706,041 | 35 |
| Real estate managers | 435,001,792 | 4,338,086 | 100 |
| Alternative investment managers | 203,274,573 | 3,924,667 | 206 |
| Cash & equivalents managers | 82,170,707 | 57,539 | 6 |
| Balanced account managers | 40,006,696 | 141,727 | 34 |
| Total investment managers' fees | \$ 5,406,327,626 | 34,462,280 | 61 |
| Custodian fees | | 1,042,896 | 2 |
| Investment consultant fees | | 290,366 | 1 |
| SIB Service Fees | | 24,952 | 0 |
| Total investment expenses | | \$ 35,820,494 | 64 |
| Securities lending fees | | \$ 13,375,736 | 24 |

Reconciliation of Investment Expenses to Financial Statements

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Investment expenses as reflected in the financial statements | \$ 28,747,505 |
| Plus investment management fees included in investment income | |
| Domestic large cap equity | 483,018 |
| Domestic small cap equity | 803,236 |
| International equity | 318,048 |
| Emerging markets equity | 908,228 |
| Domestic fixed income | 174,842 |
| High Yield | 776,814 |
| Real estate | 85,880 |
| Private equity | 3,430,367 |
| Cash equivalents | 57,539 |
| Balanced fund | 35,018 |
| Investment expenses per schedule | \$ 35,820,494 |

| Brokers | Number of shares traded | Total commissions | Commissions per share |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Investment Technology Group Inc. | 6,147,482 | \$ 77,535 | \$0.013 |
| J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. | 3,804,532 | 62,676 | 0.016 |
| Heflin & Co, LLC | 3,452,339 | 69,047 | 0.020 |
| CSFB New York | 3,194,283 | 19,125 | 0.006 |
| Goldman Sachs & Co New York | 2,965,098 | 31,510 | 0.011 |
| Citigroup Global Markets Ind/Smith Barney | 2,906,086 | 53,236 | 0.018 |
| Bear Stearns | 2,806,826 | 26,524 | 0.009 |
| Merrill Lynch Intl LTD Equities | 2,071,251 | 30,320 | 0.015 |
| Fidelity Capital Markets | 1,955,920 | 39,118 | 0.020 |
| Guzman & Company | 1,791,035 | 35,821 | 0.020 |
| Other 185 Brokers * | 47,282,247 | 688,231 | 0.015 |
| Gross commissions | 78,377,099 | \$ 1,133,144 | \$0.014 |
| Less commissions recaptured | | (2,646) | |
| Net commissions paid | | \$ 1,130,498 | \$0.014 |

* A complete listing of investment brokers utilized is available upon request.

Note: This schedule includes only brokerage costs for agency trades of common stock.

TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT

■ Teachers' Fund for Retirement Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Plan Characteristics and Fund Constraints

The North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) is a pension benefit plan that was established in 1913 to provide retirement income to all public school and certain state teachers and administrators in the state of North Dakota. The plan is administered by a seven member Board of Trustees comprised of five members appointed by the Governor of North Dakota and two elected officials, the State Treasurer and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits, disability retirement benefits, and survivor benefits, as the case may be, in accordance with Chapter 15-39.1 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC). Monthly retirement benefits are based on the formula: Number of Years of Service X 2.0% X Final Average Annual Salaries. Adjustments to the basic formula are made depending on the retirement option selected.

Funding is provided by monthly employee and employer contributions. Member contributions are 7.75% of payroll. Employer contributions are 7.75% of payroll until July 1, 2008, when employer contributions increase to 8.25% of payroll. Employer contributions will return to 7.75% when TFFR reaches 90% funded level. On an annual basis, benefit payouts exceed contributions. The asset/liability study completed in June 2005 indicates that a 1% cash equivalents allocation is expected to provide sufficient liquidity for the next ten years.

The TFFR Board has an actuarial valuation performed annually. The current actuarial assumed rate of return on assets is 8.0%. Key plan and financial statistics as of the most recent valuation are recorded in the Asset/Liability Model presented in June 2005 by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS) and on file at the North Dakota Retirement and Investment Office.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The TFFR Board is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in the manner provided in NDCC 21-10-07, the prudent institutional investor rule. The fiduciaries shall exercise the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that an

institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds, considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income. The Fund must be invested exclusively for the benefit of the members and their beneficiaries in accordance with this investment policy.

Management responsibility for the investment program not assigned to the SIB in Chapter 21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) is hereby delegated to the SIB, who must establish written policies for the operation of the investment program, consistent with this investment policy.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and the objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria, procedures, and making decisions with respect to hiring, keeping, and terminating money managers. SIB investment responsibility also includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants, report formats, and frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives of the plan have been established by the TFFR board upon consideration of the board's strategic objectives and a comprehensive review of current and projected financial requirements.

Objective #1: Prudently invest assets in a well diversified portfolio to optimize long term returns while controlling risk to the fund.

Objective #2: Accumulate sufficient funds to pay all current and future benefit and expense obligations when due.

Objective #3: Improve and maintain adequate funding of all promised benefits to ensure the financial integrity of the system.

Objective #4: Build a funding cushion to provide for future benefit improvements.

Standards of Investment Performance

The plan’s investment objectives and characteristics give rise to an asset allocation that is considered to have greater than a 50% probability of achieving the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that at least matches that of the policy portfolio.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 8.93% rate of return assumed in the asset/liability study. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 13.52%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the TFFR fund is established by the TFFR Board, with input from consultants and RIO staff. Asset allocation is based upon the asset/liability study completed by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company in June 2005. That study provided an appraisal of current cash flow projections and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next 20 years.

In recognition of the plan’s objectives, projected financial status, and capital market expectations, the following asset allocation options were deemed appropriate for the Fund:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Domestic Equities – Large Cap | 28% |
| Domestic Equities – Small Cap | 10% |
| International Equities | 18% |
| Emerging Markets Equities | 5% |
| Venture Capital/Alt. Invsts. | 5% |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 12% |
| High Yield Bonds | 7% |
| International Fixed Income | 5% |
| Cash Equivalents | 1% |
| Real Estate | 9% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB’s rebalancing policy, but not less than annually.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivatives use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. No transaction shall be made which threatens the tax exempt status of the Fund.
- d. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB’s master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public pension fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Board's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

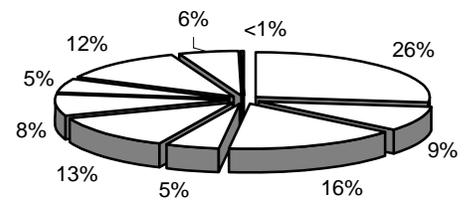
Internal Controls

A system of internal controls must be in place by the SIB to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud or employee error. Such controls deemed most important are the separation of responsibilities for investment

purchases from the recording of investment activity, custodial safekeeping, written confirmation of investment transactions, and established criteria for broker relationships. The annual financial audit must include a comprehensive review of the portfolio, accounting procedures for security transactions and compliance with the investment policy.

■ **Teachers' Fund for Retirement**
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 492,563,517 | 26% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 164,717,985 | 9% | |
| International Equity | 294,478,822 | 16% | |
| Emerging Markets Equity | 87,883,870 | 5% | |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 229,787,473 | 13% | |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 143,723,091 | 8% | |
| International Fixed Income | 91,389,349 | 5% | |
| Real Estate | 219,255,494 | 12% | |
| Private Equity | 101,316,752 | 6% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 4,427,753 | <1% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 1,829,544,106 | 100% | -7.51% |



PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

■ Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Plan Characteristics and Fund Constraints

The North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and the Highway Patrol Retirement System (HPRS) are pension benefit plans established to provide retirement income to state employees and employees of participating political subdivisions. The plans are administered by a seven member Board of Trustees (the Board). The Chair is appointed by the governor, three members are elected by the active members of the plans, one member is elected by the retired members, one is appointed by the Attorney General and the seventh member is the State Health Officer or their designee.

The NDPERS plan is a multi-employer hybrid benefit public pension plan that provides retirement benefits, disability retirement benefits, and survivor benefits, in accordance with Chapter 54-52 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC). Monthly retirement benefits for the Main, National Guard and Law Enforcement Plans are based on the formula: number of Years of Service times 2.0% times the final average salary. For the NDPERS Judges Plan the retirement formula is: for the first ten years of service the formula is final average salary times 3.5%, for the second ten years of service the formula is final average salary times 2.80% and for all remaining years of service the formula is final average salary times 1.25%.

The Highway Patrol plan is a single employer plan that provides retirement benefits, disability benefits, and survivor benefits in accordance with Chapter 39-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code. Monthly retirement benefits are based upon the formula: first 25 years of credit service times 3.25% and all remaining years of service times 1.75%.

Funding for the NDPERS plan is provided by monthly employee contributions and employer contributions with the amount varying based upon which NDPERS plan the member participates in. For the Main NDPERS plan the employee contribution is 4% and the employer contribution is 4.12%, for the Judges Plan the employee contribution is 5% and employer contribution is 14.52%, for the National Guard Plan the employee contribution is 4% and employer contribution is 6.5%, for the Law Enforcement Plan with prior service the employee contribution is 4% and the employer contribution is 8.31% and for the Law Enforcement Plan without prior service the employee contribution rate is 4% and the employer rate is 6.43%.

Funding for the Highway Patrol plan is provided by a monthly employee contribution of 10.3% and an employer contribution of 16.7%

Each year the Board has an actuarial valuation performed. The current actuarial assumed rate of return on assets for all plans is 8%.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

Aggregate plan contributions plus earnings, minus allowable expenses constitute the Fund. The Board is charged by NDCC chapters 54-52, 21-10-01, and 39-03.1 to establish policies for the investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The State Investment Board (SIB) is charged with implementing the asset allocation as promptly and prudently as possible in accordance with the Board's policies by investing the assets of the Fund in the manner provided in the prudent investor rule, which provides:

Fund fiduciaries shall exercise the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that an institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds, considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income. The retirement funds belonging to the teachers' fund for retirement and the public employees retirement system must be invested exclusively for the benefit of their members and in accordance with the respective funds' investment goals and objectives. (NDCC 21-10-07)

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility of the Fund or any portion of the Fund to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy is supervisory not advisory.

The SIB may, at its discretion, pool the assets of the Fund with another fund or funds having similar investment objectives and time horizons in order to maximize returns and minimize costs. In pooling fund assets the SIB will establish asset class pools it deems necessary to achieve the specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives subject to the prudent investor rule and the objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB is responsible for establishing the selection criteria, determining the performance measures, and retaining all fund money managers. SIB is also responsible for the selection and retention of any investment consultants that may be employed in the investment of the Fund assets.

Delegation of Authority

Management responsibility for the investment program not assigned to the North Dakota State Investment Board (SIB) in Chapter 21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) is hereby delegated to

the SIB, who must establish written policies for the operation of the investment program, consistent with this investment policy.

Such procedures must provide for:

1. The definition and assignment of duties and responsibilities to advisory services and persons employed by the SIB pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(a).
2. Investment diversification, investment quality, qualification of advisory services, and amounts to be invested by advisory services pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(e). In developing these policies it is understood:
 - a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
 - b. The use of derivatives will be monitored to ensure that risks are not taken by the money managers.
 - c. All assets must be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
3. Guidelines for the selection and redemption of investments pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(d).
4. The criteria for making decisions with respect to hiring, retention, and termination of money managers will be clearly defined. This also includes selecting performance measurements, consultants, report formats, and frequency of meetings with money managers.

All participants in the investment process must seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust.

Investment Goals

The investment goals of the Fund have been established by the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement Board based upon consideration of the Board's strategic objectives and a comprehensive review of the current and projected financial requirements. These goals are to be viewed over the long term and have been established after full consideration of all factors set out in the Statement of Investment Goals, Objectives and Policies.

Goal #1: Accumulate sufficient wealth through a diversified portfolio of investments which must enable the State of North Dakota to pay all current and future retirement benefits and expense obligations of the Fund.

Goal #2: To obtain investment returns in excess of that needed to allow for increases in a retiree's annuity to maintain the purchasing power of their retirement benefit.

Investment Performance Objective

The NDPERS Board will seek to make investments that generate sufficient return to meet the goals

outlined in this policy. The objectives established in this section are in accordance with the fiduciary requirement as set forth in federal and state law.

It is in the best interest of NDPERS and its beneficiaries that performance objectives be established for the total Fund. It is clearly understood these objectives are to be viewed over the long term and have been established after full consideration of all factors set forth in this Statement of Investment Goals, Objectives and Policies.

- a. The funds rate of return, over the long term should equal, that of the policy portfolio which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10-year and longer periods the fund should match or exceed the expected rate of return projected in the asset/liability study without exceeding the expected risk for the period.

Asset Allocation

In recognition of the plan's performance objectives, benefit projections, and capital market expectations, the NDPERS Board has established the following asset allocation:

Date of last asset allocation study: NDPERS Board Approved December 2005 – SEI Corporation

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Domestic Equities-Large Cap | 30% |
| Domestic Equities-Small Cap | 10% |
| International Equities | 10% |
| Emerging Markets Equities | 5% |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 24% |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 5% |
| International Fixed Income | 5% |
| Real Estate | 5% |
| Private Equity | 5% |
| Cash | 1% |
| Expected Return | 9.3% |
| Standard Deviation of Returns | 10.5% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy, but not less than annually.

Restrictions

- A. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- B. Use of derivatives will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.

- C. No transaction may be made which threatens the tax exempt status of the Fund.
- D. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases may be made.
- E. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

Social Investing is defined as *"The investment or commitment of public pension fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."*

- F. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

Economically targeted investing is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

The Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.

- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

- G. Publicly Traded REITs may not be used in the Real Estate asset allocation.

- H. Where timberland is used as part of the domestic fixed income portfolio, it may not make up more than 30% of the total asset class at the time of initial purchase. If timberland becomes 50% or more of the domestic fixed income portfolio through market appreciation, the SIB must review the situation with the goal of bringing the timberland portion of the domestic fixed income portfolio into line with this restriction and, considering market conditions at the time, take any action deemed prudent.

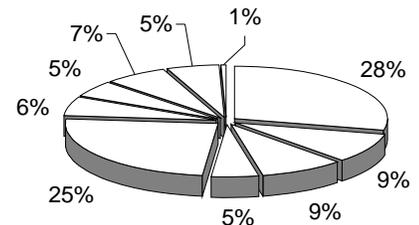
Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Board's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

Internal Controls

The SIB must have a system of internal controls to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud or employee error. The controls deemed most important are the separation of responsibilities for investment purchases from the recording of investment activity, custodial safekeeping, written confirmation of investment transactions, and established criteria for broker relationships. The annual financial audit must include a comprehensive review of the portfolio, accounting procedures for security transactions and compliance with the investment policy.

■ **Public Employees Retirement Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 518,333,014 | 28% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 164,274,258 | 9% | |
| International Equity | 165,672,936 | 9% | |
| Emerging Markets Equity | 86,873,169 | 5% | |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 451,683,184 | 25% | |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 103,975,210 | 6% | |
| International Fixed Income | 90,864,713 | 5% | |
| Real Estate | 122,304,874 | 7% | |
| Private Equity | 99,234,758 | 5% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 9,814,109 | 1% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 1,813,030,225 | 100% | -5.60% |



BISMARCK CITY EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

■ Bismarck City Employee Pension Plan Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Plan Characteristics and Fund Constraints

The Bismarck, North Dakota City Employee Pension Plan (BCEPP) is the pension benefit plan (Fund) established for the city of Bismarck public employees. The Fund is administered by the Bismarck City Employee Pension Plan Board of Trustees. The Fund is a defined benefit pension plan maintained to provide retirement benefits, and/or death benefits as may be the case, to the participants in accordance with Chapter 9-07 of the city of Bismarck Code of Ordinance (1986 revised). The Fund is administered in accordance with IRS and Treasury Regulations.

The Fund and benefits provided are funded by contributions from the members and members' employer. The Fund was established to provide benefits to members eligible to receive them in accordance with the provisions of the Fund.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The BCEPP Board has entered into a contract with the SIB for investment services as allowed under NDCC 21-10-06. The BCEPP Board is responsible for establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in the manner provided in NDCC 21-10-07, the prudent institutional investor rule. The fiduciaries shall exercise the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that an institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds, considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income. The Fund must be invested exclusively for the benefit of the members and their beneficiaries in accordance with this investment policy.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory not advisory.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and the objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria, procedures, and making decisions with respect to hiring, keeping, and terminating money managers. SIB investment responsibility also includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants, report formats, and frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Standards of Investment Performance

Investments of the Fund must seek to generate sufficient return to meet the goals outlined in this policy. The objectives established in this section are in accordance with the fiduciary requirement as set forth in federal and state law.

It is in the best interest of the Fund and its beneficiaries that objectives be established for the total Fund. It is clearly understood these objectives are to be viewed over the long term and have been established after full consideration of all factors set forth in this statement.

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return, over any given time period, that matches or exceeds that of the policy portfolio which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB and reflected in the monthly investment performance reports.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 8.6% rate of return assumed in the asset/liability study. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 9.7%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the BCEPP Board, with input from consultants and RIO staff. Asset allocation is based upon the asset/liability study completed by SEI in March 2006. That study provided an appraisal of current cash flow projections and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next 20 years.

In recognition of the Fund's objectives, benefit projections, and capital market expectations, the following is the asset allocation for the Fund:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | 20.0% |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 12.0% |
| International Equity | 11.0% |
| Emerging Markets Equity | 2.0% |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 29.0% |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 6.0% |
| International Fixed Income | 9.5% |
| Real Estate | 9.5% |
| Alternative Investments | 1.0% |

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the BCEPP Board's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

Internal Controls

A system of internal controls must be in place by the SIB to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud or employee error. Such controls deemed most important are the separation of responsibilities for investment purchases from the recording of investment activity, custodial safekeeping, written confirmation of investment transactions, and established criteria for broker relationships. The annual financial audit must include a comprehensive review of the portfolio, accounting procedures for security transactions and compliance with the investment policy.

Rebalancing of the Fund's investment portfolio to this target must be done as soon as feasible while ensuring the process is effectively coordinated and accomplished in a cost effective manner. Maintenance of allocations to this target must be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

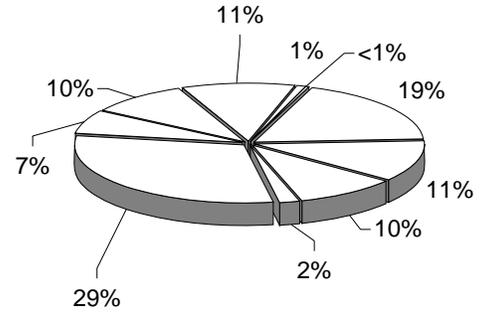
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- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivatives use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. No transaction shall be made which threatens the tax exempt status of the Fund.
- d. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as *"The investment or commitment of public pension fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."*

■ **Bismarck City Employee Pension Plan**
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 9,283,523 | 19% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 5,652,276 | 11% | |
| International Equity | 4,795,640 | 10% | |
| Emerging Markets Equity | 956,754 | 2% | |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 15,096,857 | 29% | |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 3,327,211 | 7% | |
| International Fixed Income | 4,734,312 | 10% | |
| Real Estate | 5,390,196 | 11% | |
| Private Equity | 303,845 | 1% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 179,950 | <1% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 49,720,564 | 100% | -3.82% |



BISMARCK CITY POLICE PENSION PLAN

■ Bismarck City Police Pension Plan Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Plan Characteristics and Fund Constraints

The Bismarck, North Dakota City Police Pension Plan (BCPPP) is the pension benefit plan (Fund) established for the city of Bismarck police. The Fund is administered by the Bismarck City Police Pension Plan Board of Trustees. The Fund is a defined benefit pension plan maintained to provide retirement benefits, and/or death benefits as may be the case, to the participants in accordance with Chapter 9-08 of the city of Bismarck Code of Ordinance (1986 revised). The Fund is administered in accordance with IRS and Treasury Regulations.

The Fund and benefits provided are funded by contributions from the members and members' employer. The Fund was established to provide benefits to members eligible to receive them in accordance with the provisions of the Fund.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The BCPBP Board has entered into a contract with the SIB for investment services as allowed under NDCC 21-10-06. The BCPBP Board is responsible for establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in the manner provided in NDCC 21-10-07, the prudent institutional investor rule. The fiduciaries shall exercise the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that an institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds, considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income. The Fund must be invested exclusively for the benefit of the members and their beneficiaries in accordance with this investment policy.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory not advisory.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and the objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

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The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Standards of Investment Performance

Investments of the Fund must seek to generate sufficient return to meet the goals outlined in this policy. The objectives established in this section are in accordance with the fiduciary requirement as set forth in federal and state law.

It is in the best interest of the Fund and its beneficiaries that objectives be established for the total Fund. It is clearly understood these objectives are to be viewed over the long term and have been established after full consideration of all factors set forth in this statement.

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return, over any given time period, that matches or exceeds that of the policy portfolio which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB and reflected in the monthly investment performance reports.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 8.9% rate of return assumed in the asset/liability study. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 10.6%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the BCPBP Board, with input from consultants and RIO staff. Asset allocation is based upon the asset/liability study completed by SEI in March 2006. That study provided an appraisal of current cash flow projections and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next 20 years.

In recognition of the Fund's objectives, benefit projections, and capital market expectations, the following is the asset allocation for the Fund:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | 24.0% |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 12.0% |
| International Equity | 11.0% |
| Emerging Markets Equity | 3.0% |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 24.5% |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 5.0% |
| International Fixed Income | 9.0% |
| Real Estate | 8.5% |
| Venture Capital | 3.0% |

Rebalancing of the Fund's investment portfolio to this target must be done as soon as feasible while ensuring the process is effectively coordinated and accomplished in a cost effective manner. Maintenance of allocations to this target must be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivatives use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. No transaction shall be made which threatens the tax exempt status of the Fund.
- d. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as *"The investment or commitment of public pension fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."*

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For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

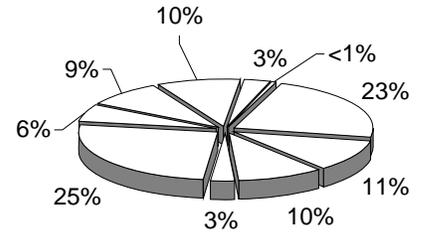
Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the BCPPP Board's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

Internal Controls

A system of internal controls must be in place by the SIB to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud or employee error. Such controls deemed most important are the separation of responsibilities for investment purchases from the recording of investment activity, custodial safekeeping, written confirmation of investment transactions, and established criteria for broker relationships. The annual financial audit must include a comprehensive review of the portfolio, accounting procedures for security transactions and compliance with the investment policy.

■ **Bismarck City Police Pension Plan**
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 5,194,855 | 23% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 2,496,078 | 11% | |
| International Equity | 2,274,595 | 10% | |
| Emerging Markets Equity | 669,897 | 3% | |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 5,944,919 | 25% | |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 1,296,668 | 6% | |
| International Fixed Income | 2,068,290 | 9% | |
| Real Estate | 2,238,681 | 10% | |
| Private Equity | 734,567 | 3% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 98,846 | <1% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 23,017,396 | 100% | -4.69% |



RETIREMENT PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA

■ Job Service ND Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

The Retirement Plan for the Employees of Job Service North Dakota (Plan) is a defined benefit retirement plan for the eligible employees hired before October 1, 1980. There have been no new entrants to the plan since October 1, 1980. The plan provides retirement benefits, disability benefits and survivor benefits consistent with the written Plan document. Until October 1, 1993, annuities were purchased from the Travelers for retirees, since that date retiree benefits are paid from Plan assets. Annual cost of living adjustments for all Plan pensioners including annuitants with the Travelers are paid from Plan assets. The NDPERS Board (the Board) is the Plan Administrator and administers the Plan in accord with Chapter 52-11 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Job Service North Dakota as the employer contributes 4% of the active participant's salary as a contribution 'on behalf of the employee' and the active participants pay 3% of their salary into Plan assets.

Each year the Plan has an actuarial valuation performed. The current actuarial assumed rate of return on assets is 7.5%.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board

Aggregate plan contributions plus earnings, minus allowable expenses constitute the Fund. The Board is charged by NDCC chapters 54-52, 21-10-01, and 39-03.1 to establish policies for the investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The State Investment Board (SIB) is charged with implementing the asset allocation as promptly and prudently as possible in accordance with the Board's policies by investing the assets of the Fund in the manner provided in the prudent investor rule, which provides:

Fund fiduciaries shall exercise the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that an institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds, considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income. The retirement funds belonging to the teachers' fund for retirement and the public employees retirement system must be invested exclusively for the benefit of their members and in accordance with the respective funds' investment goals and objectives. (NDCC 21-10-07)

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility of the Fund or any portion of the Fund to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy is supervisory not advisory.

The SIB may at its discretion, pool the assets of the Fund with another fund or funds having similar investment objectives and time horizons in order to maximize returns and minimize costs. In pooling fund assets the SIB will establish asset class pools it deems necessary to achieve the specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives subject to the prudent investor rule and the objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB is responsible for establishing the selection criteria, determining the performance measures, and retaining all fund money managers. SIB is also responsible for the selection and retention of any investment consultants that may be employed in the investment of the Fund assets.

Delegation of Authority

Management responsibility for the investment program not assigned to the North Dakota State Investment Board (SIB) in Chapter 21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) is hereby delegated to the SIB, who must establish written policies for the operation of the investment program, consistent with this investment policy.

Such procedures must provide for:

1. The definition and assignment of duties and responsibilities to advisory services and persons employed by the SIB pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(a).
2. Investment diversification, investment quality, qualification of advisory services, and amounts to be invested by advisory services pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(e). In developing these policies it is understood:
 - a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
 - b. Derivatives use will be monitored to ensure that risks are not taken by the money managers.
 - c. All assets must be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
3. Guidelines for the selection and redemption of investments pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(d).
4. The criteria for making decisions with respect to hiring, retention, and termination of money managers will be clearly defined. This also

includes selecting performance measurements, consultants, report formats, and frequency of meetings with money managers.

All participants in the investment process must seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust.

Investment Goals

The investment objectives of the Plan have been established by the Plan's Administrator upon consideration of its strategic objectives and a comprehensive review of current and projected financial requirements.

Objective #1: To maintain a level of surplus sufficient to eliminate the need for future contributions;

Objective #2: To achieve a rate of return which exceeds the rate of inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), by 3.0 percent per year (based on current actuarial assumptions of 8% return and 5% inflation), over a complete market cycle; and

Objective #3: As a secondary objective, to maximize the Plan's surplus to increase future benefit payments.

Investment Performance Objectives

The NDPERS Board will seek to make investments that generate sufficient return to meet the goals outlined in this policy. The objectives established in this section are in accordance with the fiduciary requirement in federal and state law.

It is in the best interest of NDPERS and its beneficiaries that performance objectives be established for the total Fund. It is clearly understood these objectives are to be viewed over the long term and have been established after full consideration of all factors set forth in this Statement of Investment Goals, Objectives and Policies.

- a. The funds rate of return, over the long term should equal that of the policy portfolio which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10-year and longer periods the fund should match or exceed the expected rate of return projected in the most recent asset/liability study without exceeding the expected risk for the period as measured by standard deviation.

Asset Allocation

The NDPERS as plan Administrator establishes the asset allocation of the Fund, with input from

consultants and SIB staff. The current asset allocation is based upon the asset/liability study completed by Buck Consultants in May 2002. That study provided an appraisal of current cash flow projections and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next 20 years.

In recognition of the Plan's objectives, projected financial status, and capital market expectations, the following asset allocation options were deemed appropriate for the Fund:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | 30% |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 5% |
| International Equity | 5% |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 55% |
| International Fixed Income | 5% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy, but not less than annually.

Restrictions

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Plan's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivatives use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- d. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as *"The investment or commitment of public pension fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."*

- e. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

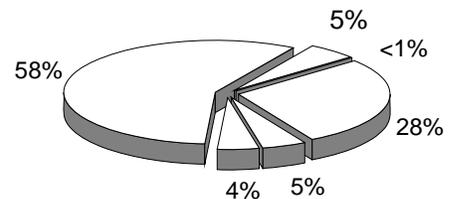
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- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Plan to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Internal Controls

The SIB must have a system of internal controls to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud or employee error. The controls deemed most important are the separation of responsibilities for investment purchases from the recording of investment activity, custodial safekeeping, written confirmation of investment transactions, and established criteria for broker relationships. The annual financial audit must include a comprehensive review of the portfolio, accounting procedures for security transactions and compliance with the investment policy.

■ **Job Service ND**
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 25,140,585 | 28% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 4,361,236 | 5% | |
| International Equity | 3,997,997 | 4% | |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 51,856,641 | 58% | |
| International Fixed Income | 4,544,339 | 5% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 107,901 | <1% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 90,008,699 | 100% | -1.64% |



CITY OF FARGO EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

■ City of Fargo Employee Pension Plan Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Plan Characteristics and Fund Constraints

The City Employees Pension Fund is operated by the Pension Board pursuant to the authority granted in the City of Fargo Home Rule Charter, Chapter 6-02. This fund is managed by a seven person Board elected by the membership, or appointed by ordinance. Two members are elected every two years on a rotating basis. Elections are held in July of each year.

Plan Description The City of Fargo Employees' Pension plan is a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system. The plan is integrated with social security and therefore, is considered a supplemental plan. All full-time City employees not covered by another plan are eligible for participation in the Employees' Pension Plan.

Membership in the plan on January 1, 2007 (date of most recent actuarial study) is as follows:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Retirees and beneficiaries | 182 |
| Terminated vested and deferred beneficiaries | 8 |
| Active plan members | 502 |

Number of participating employers: 2

Employees may be eligible for early, normal or disability retirement. The plan permits early retirements at age 55 with at least 5 years of service. Normal retirement age for full benefits is age 62 or when an employee's age plus their years of service as a full time city employee reaches a sum of 90.

Employee death benefits of \$20,000 are paid to a designated beneficiary for a participant who dies prior to retirement. If a participant dies after retirement, the designated beneficiary will receive a \$3,000 death benefit.

Participants are fully vested in the plan benefit after five years of full-time employment. Non-vested participants are eligible for a full refund of their contributions plus interest at 5%. Upon termination of employment prior to retirement age, vested participants may elect a deferred vested benefit to begin between ages 55-62 or a lump sum payment. Lump sum settlements are allowable up to age 55. Lump sum payments are computed as the greater of the actuarial value of plan assets or the "cash balance" in their plan account. The cash balance consists of the employee contributions, plus one-half of the employer's contribution since January 1, 1990, plus interest at 5%.

The City makes a matching contribution of \$25 per month to a deferred compensation plan on behalf of pension plan members who also contribute a

minimum of \$25 per month to the deferred compensation plan.

Benefit provisions are established under the authority of the City Commission.

Contributions Participating employees contribute to the plan at a rate of 4.5% of salary and the employers contribute at a rate of 6.0% of regular salary for all employees. The contribution rates are established by local ordinance, and the employers contribution rate is set by the City Commission. Costs of administering the plan are financed by the employer and employee contributions, and by the Plan's investment earnings.

Reserves The net assets at December 31, 2006 are \$30,248,640 and the entire amount is reserved for employee pension benefits.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

Aggregate plan contributions plus earnings, minus allowable expenses constitute the Fund. The City Employees Pension Board is required to develop asset allocation plans pursuant to its responsibilities are outlined in the City of Fargo Home Rule Charter, Chapter 6-02. The State Investment Board (SIB) is charged with implementing the asset allocation as promptly and prudently as possible in accordance with the Board's policies by investing the assets of the Fund in the manner provided in the prudent investor rule, which provides:

Fund fiduciaries shall exercise the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that an institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds, considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income. The retirement funds belonging to the City Employees Pension Fund must be invested exclusively for the benefit of their members and in accordance with the respective funds' investment goals and objectives.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility of the Fund or any portion of the Fund to professional money managers. Where a money manger has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy is supervisory not advisory.

The SIB may, at its discretion, pool the assets of the Fund with another fund or funds having similar investment objectives and time horizons in order to maximize returns and minimize costs. In pooling fund assets the SIB will establish asset class pools it deems necessary to achieve the specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives

subject to the prudent investor rule and the objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB is responsible for establishing the selection criteria, determining the performance measures, and retaining all fund money managers. SIB is also responsible for the selection and retention of any investment consultants that may be employed in the investment of the Fund assets.

Delegation of Authority

Management responsibility for City of Fargo City Employee Pension funds not assigned to the North Dakota State Investment Board (SIB) in Chapter 21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) is hereby delegated to the SIB, which must establish written policies and procedures for the operation of the City of Fargo City Employee Pension funds, consistent with this investment policy.

Such procedures must provide for:

1. The definition and assignment of duties and responsibilities to advisory services and persons employed by the SIB pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(a).
2. Investment diversification, investment quality, qualification of money managers, and amounts to be invested by money managers pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(e). In developing these policies it is understood:
 - a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
 - b. The use of derivatives will be monitored to ensure that risks are not taken by the money managers.
 - c. All assets must be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
3. Guidelines for the selection and redemption of investments will be in accordance with NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(d).
4. The criteria for making decisions with respect to hiring, retention, and termination of money managers will be clearly defined. This also includes selecting performance measurement standards, consultants, report formats, and frequency of meetings with money managers.

All participants in the investment process must seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust.

Investment Goals

The investment goals of the Fund have been established by the City Employee Pension Board based upon consideration of the Board's strategic objectives and a comprehensive review of the current and projected financial requirements. These goals are to be viewed over the long term.

Goal #1: Accumulate sufficient wealth through a diversified portfolio of investments which will enable the City Employee Pension fund to pay all current and future retirement benefits and expense obligations of the Fund.

Goal #2: To obtain investment returns in excess of that needed to allow for increases in the benefit plan multiplier over time.

Investment Performance Objective

The City Employee Pension Board will seek to make investments that generate sufficient return to meet the goals outlined in this policy. The objectives established in this section are in accordance with the fiduciary requirement in federal and state law and City Ordinances.

It is in the best interest of the City Employee Pension Board and its beneficiaries that performance objectives be established for the total Fund. It is clearly understood these objectives are to be viewed over the long term and have been established after full consideration of all factors set forth in this Statement of Investment Goals, Objectives and Policies.

- a. The funds rate of return, over the long term should equal, that of the policy portfolio which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10-year and longer periods the fund should match or exceed the expected rate of return projected in the most recent actuarial study without exceeding the expected risk for the period as measured by standard deviation.

Asset Allocation

In recognition of the plan's performance objectives, benefit projections, and capital market expectations, the City Employee Pension Board has established the following asset allocation:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Domestic Equities-Large Cap | 30% |
| Domestic Equities-Small Cap | 10% |
| International Equities | 10% |
| Emerging Markets Equities | 5% |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 24% |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 5% |
| International Fixed Income | 5% |
| Real Estate | 5% |
| Private Equity | 5% |
| Cash | 1% |
| Expected Return | 9.3% |
| Standard Deviation of Returns | 10.5% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy, but not less than annually.

Restrictions

- A. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- B. Use of derivatives will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- C. No transaction may be made which threatens the tax exempt status of the Fund.
- D. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases may be made.
- E. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

Social Investing is defined as *"The investment or commitment of public pension fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."*

- F. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

Economically targeted investing is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a

targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

The Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
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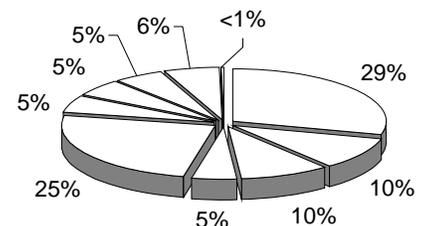
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Internal Controls

The SIB must have a system of internal controls to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud or employee error. The controls deemed most important are the separation of responsibilities for investment purchases from the recording of investment activity, custodial safekeeping, written confirmation of investment transactions, and established criteria for broker relationships. The annual financial audit must include a comprehensive review of the portfolio, accounting procedures for security transactions and compliance with the investment policy.

■ **City of Fargo Employee Pension Plan
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 8,638,813 | 29% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 2,962,558 | 10% | |
| International Equity | 2,823,992 | 10% | |
| Emerging Markets Equity | 1,395,911 | 5% | |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 7,342,125 | 25% | |
| High Yield Fixed Income | 1,577,437 | 5% | |
| International Fixed Income | 1,515,737 | 5% | |
| Real Estate | 1,594,803 | 5% | |
| Private Equity | 1,684,651 | 6% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 121,533 | <1% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 29,657,560 | 100% | * |



* This fund does not have the specified history under SIB management.

WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE FUND

■ Workforce Safety & Insurance Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Introduction

North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) is an exclusive state workers' compensation fund, which exists for the mutual benefit of North Dakota employers and employees. The assets of WSI are utilized to pay benefits to injured workers or their survivors.

Section 65-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code requires WSI to establish premium rates for funding sufficiently high to provide for:

1. The payment of the expenses of administration of the organization,
2. The payment of compensation according to the provisions and schedules contained in this title, and
3. The maintenance by the Fund of adequate reserves and surplus to the end that it may be kept at all times in an entirely solvent condition.

Responsibilities of the North Dakota State Investment Board (SIB)

The WSI Board is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07. The Fund must be invested exclusively for the benefit of the members and their beneficiaries in accordance with this investment policy.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and the objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria, procedures, and making decisions with respect to hiring, keeping, and terminating money managers. SIB investment responsibility also includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants, report formats, and frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment goal of WSI is to supplement premiums, through various investments, to accomplish its statutory obligations.

The following investment objectives are established as of the date adopted and are in keeping with the fiduciary requirements as set forth in federal and state law and as expected by the members. WSI expects to receive results from the SIB that are consistent with the policies included herein. These objectives and guidelines will provide a basis for evaluating the effectiveness of the investment program over time. It is clearly understood these objectives and standards are to be viewed over the long term and have been established after full consideration of all factors set out in the Statement of Investment Policy.

The operating and liquidity needs of WSI are generally to be met by the cash equivalents allocation.

Funds in excess of those required for operating and liquidity needs will be invested in domestic equity, international equity, real estate and fixed income securities. The objective of these assets is to obtain the maximum total return on investments consistent with safety of principal on funds in excess of those required for operating and liquidity needs.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund's investment objectives and characteristics give rise to an asset allocation that is considered to have greater than a 50% probability of achieving the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that at least matches that of the policy portfolio, which is comprised of 9.75% S&P 500 domestic stock index, 3.25% Russell 2000 domestic stock, 8% MSCI EAFE international stock index, 50% Lehman Aggregate bond index, 22% Lehman Treasury Inflation Protected bond index, 6% NCREIF Total real estate index, and 1% 90-day T-bills.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 5.75% rate of return assumed in the asset/liability study. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 5.65%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation policy developed herein is based on an evaluation of WSI's ability and willingness to assume investment risk in light of WSI's financial goals and objectives. In recognition of these goals and objectives, coupled with a liability-sensitive asset allocation study conducted by Callan Associates in May, 2005, the following asset allocation is deemed appropriate for WSI. The portfolio mix shall be in accordance with the following asset allocation and periodically reviewed by WSI.

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Target Allocation</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Large Cap Equity | 9.75% |
| Small Cap Equity | 3.25% |
| International Equity | 8.00% |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 50.00% |
| TIPS | 22.00% |
| Real Estate | 6.00% |
| Cash Equivalents | 1.00% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy, but not less than annually.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivatives use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. No transaction shall be made which threatens the tax exempt status of the Fund.
- d. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as *"The investment or commitment of public fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."*

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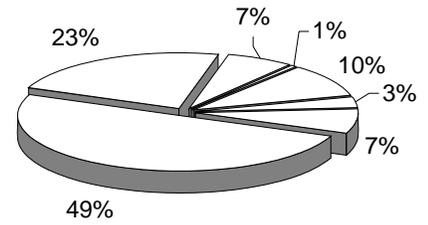
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- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Board's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

■ **Workforce Safety & Insurance Fund**
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ | 120,851,609 | 10% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | | 40,203,773 | 3% | |
| International Equity | | 91,334,458 | 7% | |
| Fixed Income | | 627,963,889 | 49% | |
| Inflation Protected | | 286,151,696 | 23% | |
| Real Estate | | 84,203,644 | 7% | |
| Cash Equivalents | | 8,442,930 | 1% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ | <u>1,259,151,999</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>0.57%</u> |



STATE FIRE AND TORNADO FUND

■ State Fire and Tornado Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Fund Characteristics and Constraints

The State Fire and Tornado Fund (the Fund) was established in 1919 to insure the various state industries and political subdivisions against direct physical loss to public buildings, fixtures, and permanent contents due to the perils named in 26.1-22-02 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC). All state buildings and universities must be covered by the Fund. School districts and counties may participate at their option.

Funding is primarily provided by annual premiums charged to policyholders in accordance with NDCC 26.1-22. Premiums are expected to total approximately \$5.1 million annually, with the bulk of these premiums received at the beginning of each fiscal year. A 50% credit will be applied to the July, 2007 invoices.

Effective August 1993, the state's boiler inspection program was placed under the direction of the Insurance Department. The costs of this program are appropriated from the Fund. Fees collected for boiler inspections and licensing will be the primary source of funding for the program. The 1995 Legislature added anhydrous ammonia storage facilities to the Fund's inspection responsibilities.

A minimum balance of \$12.0 million must be maintained at all times. If reserves drop below this statutory minimum, additional premiums, as specified under NDCC 26.1-22, would be assessed. This situation must be avoided.

The Fund retains liability for the first \$1 million on each and every loss. Any loss over this amount, up to a maximum of \$100 million, is covered by reinsurance through a commercial reinsurance carrier. Reinsurance coverage is re-bid by the Insurance Department every two years.

Claims paid from the Fund are highly unpredictable. Weather damage accounts for the majority of claims. Fires generally result in the most extensive damage.

Generally, there is a two week lead time to prepare for a claim payment. Large claim payments have a longer lead time and are spread out in multiple payments whenever possible. Total claim payments and transfers over the last three fiscal years have averaged \$1.7 million annually.

Operating expenses are paid from the Fund as incurred. These include Fund administration, boiler inspection program, anhydrous ammonia storage

facility inspections, State Fire Marshall's Office, and State Firemen's Association. For planning purposes over the 2007-2009 biennium, these appropriations were assumed to be \$569,000 annually.

The Fund's asset allocation will need to be reviewed at the end of the 2007-2009 biennium for appropriateness.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The Fund is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. When a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives of the Fund reflect the long-term nature of the Fund, but also the low risk tolerance and shorter-term liquidity needs. Operating and statutory considerations shape the Fund's policies and priorities as outlined below:

Objective #1: Investment income is needed to provide stability for insurance reserves. This will be achieved through a diversified portfolio of high quality fixed income and equity assets.

Objective #2: Growth of capital is needed to provide an inflationary hedge and add to the growth of surplus. Capital growth will be sought through investment in equities and/or equity substitutes.

Objective #3: Sufficient liquidity will be maintained to meet known or anticipated financial obligations and preserve the value of the surplus. Cash equivalent investments shall be used to achieve this objective.

Objective #4: The risk of violating the statutory minimum balance requirement of \$12,000,000 is to be minimized. This will be achieved by an asset allocation consistent with this objective.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund’s investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 6.48% rate of return based on 2007 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 7.00%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the SIB, with input from the Insurance Department. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the Fund:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Large Cap Domestic Equity | 18.75% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equity | 6.25% |
| International Equity | 10.00% |
| Fixed Income | 55.00% |
| Cash Equivalents | 10.00% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB’s rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund’s assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB’s master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as *"The investment or commitment of public fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."*

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

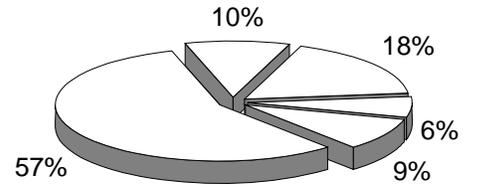
Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

■ **State Fire and Tornado Fund**
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 4,585,990 | 18% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 1,500,484 | 6% | |
| International Equity | 2,403,238 | 9% | |
| Fixed Income | 14,553,262 | 57% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 2,656,655 | 10% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 25,699,629 | 100% | -4.01% |



STATE BONDING FUND

■ State Bonding Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Fund Characteristics and Constraints

The State Bonding Fund (the Fund) was established for bonding public employees and public officials in accordance with Chapter 26.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC). Annual collections to the Fund are in the form of fees and restitution. However, the primary funding source for the Fund is investment return.

A minimum balance of \$2.0 million must be maintained at all times. If reserves drop below this statutory minimum, premiums will be assessed against all bond holders in accordance with NDCC 26.1-21-09. Such premiums will continue to be charged until the Fund balance reaches \$3.0 million. This situation must be avoided.

Claims paid from the Fund are on an as-needed basis and are highly unpredictable. A judgment against the guilty party is required prior to the Fund making a claim payment. Generally, there is a 60-90 day lead time to prepare for a claim payment. Claims have averaged \$48,000 annually over the last three fiscal years.

Appropriations from the Fund are exclusively for administrative costs. For planning purposes during the 2007-2009 biennium, these appropriations are assumed to be \$17,500 annually.

The Fund's asset allocation will need to be reviewed at the end of the 2007-2009 biennium for appropriateness.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The Fund is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish appropriate asset class pools designed to provide specific quality and diversification guidelines, restrictions, and performance objectives consistent with the goals of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. When a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives of the Fund reflect the long-term nature of the Fund, but also recognize the shorter-term liquidity needs. Operating and statutory considerations shape the policies and priorities outlined below.

Objective #1: Investment income is needed as a funding source. This will be achieved through a diversified portfolio of high quality fixed income and equity assets.

Objective #2: Growth of capital is needed to provide an inflationary hedge and add to the growth of surplus. Capital growth is sought through investment in equities and/or equity substitutes.

Objective #3: Sufficient liquidity will be maintained to meet known or anticipated financial obligations and preserve the value of the surplus. Cash equivalent investments shall be used to achieve this objective.

Objective #4: The risk of violating the statutory minimum balance requirement of \$2,000,000 is to be minimized. This will be achieved by an asset allocation consistent with this objective.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund's investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 6.48% rate of return based on Callan Associates' 2007 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 7.00%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the State Bonding Fund is established by the SIB, with input from the Insurance Department. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the Fund:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Large Cap Domestic Equity | 18.75% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equity | 6.25% |
| International Equity | 10.00% |
| Fixed Income | 55.00% |
| Cash Equivalents | 10.00% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a

similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

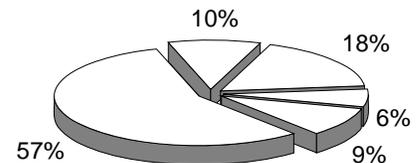
Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

**State Bonding Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 454,202 | 18% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 148,661 | 6% | |
| International Equity | 238,041 | 9% | |
| Fixed Income | 1,441,116 | 57% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 263,002 | 10% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 2,545,022 | 100% | -4.14% |



PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION FUND

■ Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Fund Characteristics and Constraints

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund (the Fund) was established in 1989 in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) requirement that all underground storage tank owners have proof of financial responsibility. Operation of the Fund is in accordance with the 1991 Session Laws, Chapter 299. The Fund's "sunset clause" date of June 30, 2011, has been extended and the time horizon for this Fund is uncertain at this time.

Funding is provided by annual premiums collected for above ground and subterranean petroleum storage tanks. Registration of tanks with the Fund is mandatory, although certain types of tanks are excluded. Premiums are estimated to total \$295,000 annually during the current biennium.

A statutory minimum balance of \$6 million must be maintained in the Fund. Also, a minimum balance of \$2 million is required by EPA. In the event reserves drop below this minimum, EPA would evaluate the Fund's ability to pay claims and would in all likelihood disapprove the Fund as a financial responsibility mechanism for North Dakota petroleum tank owners.

If a petroleum release occurs or petroleum contamination is discovered, an eligible tank owner is reimbursed 90% of necessary and reasonable costs between \$5,000 and \$155,000 for cleanup of contamination or third-party liability. The Fund reimburses 100% of costs between \$155,000 and \$1,000,000. Claims have averaged \$596,000 annually over the last three fiscal years.

Operating expenses are paid from the Fund as incurred. For planning purposes over the 2007-2009 biennium, these appropriations were assumed to be \$60,000 annually.

The Fund's asset allocation will need to be reviewed at the end of the 2007-2009 biennium for appropriateness.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The Fund is charged by law under Chapter 285 of the 1993 Session Laws with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB

may establish appropriate asset class pools designed to provide specific quality and diversification guidelines, restrictions, and performance objectives consistent with the goals of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. When a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives of the Fund reflect the need to augment premium income to provide for claim payments and stability of insurance reserves. Operating considerations shape the Fund's policies and priorities as follows:

Objective #1: Investment income is needed as a funding source. This will be achieved through a diversified portfolio of high quality fixed income and equity assets.

Objective #2: Growth of capital is needed to provide an inflationary hedge and add to the growth of surplus. Capital growth is sought through investment in equities and/or equity substitutes.

Objective #3: Sufficient liquidity will be maintained to meet known or anticipated financial obligations and preserve the value of the surplus. Cash equivalent investments shall be used to achieve this objective.

Objective #4: The risk of violating the EPA mandated minimum balance requirement of \$2,000,000 is to be minimized. This will be achieved by an asset allocation consistent with this objective.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund's investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.

- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 6.42% rate of return based on Callan Associates' 2007 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 6.87%

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the SIB, with input from the Insurance Department. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the Fund:

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Large Cap Domestic Equity | 18.75% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equity | 6.25% |
| International Equity | 10.00% |
| Fixed Income | 50.00% |
| Cash Equivalents | 15.00% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.

**■ Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 1,525,573 | 18% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 498,912 | 6% | |
| International Equity | 799,120 | 9% | |
| Fixed Income | 4,403,444 | 51% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 1,326,384 | 16% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 8,553,433 | 100% | -4.07% |

- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

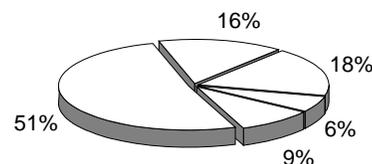
- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.



INSURANCE REGULATORY TRUST FUND

■ Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Fund Characteristics and Constraints

The Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund (the Fund) was established for use by the Insurance Department to defray the expenses incurred in discharging its duties as described in NDCC 26.1.

Funding is provided primarily through the collection of fees and fines as specified in NDCC 26.1-01-07.1. Fees and other collections are expected to total approximately \$4.5 million annually, with the bulk of this income received in the second half of each fiscal year. Earnings from investments are also considered a funding source.

There is no statutory minimum balance for this Fund. However, the Insurance Department relies entirely on the Fund to meet all operating expenses. Therefore, sufficient liquidity and risk control must be maintained at all times to ensure the solvency of the Insurance Department.

In accordance with NDCC 26.1-01-07.1, any cash balance in the Fund after all current biennium expenditures are met must be carried forward for the succeeding biennium. However, when the balance at the end of the biennium exceeds \$1.0 million, any excess will be transferred to the general fund in the state treasury. Such transfers are generally made at the end of September or during the first two weeks of October.

Operating expenses are paid from the Fund as incurred. For planning purposes over the 2007-2009 biennium, these appropriations were assumed to be \$2.8 million annually.

The Fund's asset allocation will need to be reviewed at the end of the 2007-2009 biennium for appropriateness.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The Fund is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish appropriate asset class pools designed to provide specific quality and diversification guidelines, restrictions, and performance objectives consistent with the goals of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. When a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives of the Fund reflect moderate risk tolerance and short-term liquidity needs. The increasing need to augment fee income as growth in expenses outpaces traditional funding sources is also recognized.

Objective #1: Investment income is needed as a funding source. This will be achieved through a diversified portfolio of high quality fixed income and equity assets.

Objective #2: Growth of capital is needed to provide an inflationary hedge and add to the growth of the Fund. Capital growth is sought through investment in equities and/or equity substitutes.

Objective #3: Sufficient liquidity will be maintained to meet known or anticipated financial obligations. Cash equivalent investments shall be used to achieve this objective.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund's investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 5.98% rate of return based on Callan Associates' 2007 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 5.70%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the SIB, with input from the Insurance Department. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the Fund:

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Large Cap Domestic Equity | 15% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equity | 5% |
| International Equity | 10% |
| Fixed Income | 35% |
| Cash Equivalents | 35% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide

an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

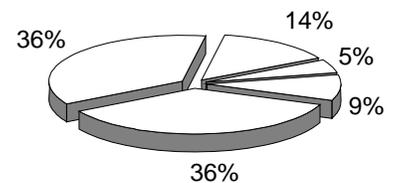
Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

**Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 580,483 | 14% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 189,952 | 5% | |
| International Equity | 380,210 | 9% | |
| Fixed Income | 1,464,845 | 36% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 1,471,936 | 36% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 4,087,426 | 100% | -2.71% |



NORTH DAKOTA HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND

■ North Dakota Health Care Trust Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Fund Characteristics and Constraints

Through the passage of House Bill 1196, the 2001 North Dakota Legislature created a special fund, in the State Treasury, known as the North Dakota Health Care Trust Fund (the Fund). The Fund consists of revenue received from government nursing facilities for remittance to the Fund under Section 50-24.4-30. Section 13 of House Bill 1196 provides that the State Investment Board (SIB) shall invest moneys in the Fund in accordance with Chapter 21-10, and the income earned must be deposited in the Fund. All moneys deposited in the Fund are available to the Department of Human Services for payment as authorized by legislative appropriations and for transfer to the long-term care facility loan fund as authorized by legislative appropriation.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the SIB

The Fund is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. When a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants, and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives are to obtain a reasonable rate of return on the Fund while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet known or anticipated financial obligations. Operating and statutory considerations shape the Fund's policies and priorities as outlined below:

Objective #1: Sufficient liquidity is to be maintained to meet known or anticipated financial obligations and preserve the value of the surplus. Cash equivalent investments will be used to achieve this objective.

Objective #2: Investment income is needed to provide stability for the Fund. This will be achieved through investment in certificates of deposit and cash equivalents.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the SIB, with input from the North Dakota Department of Human Services. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the Fund:

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| Cash Equivalents & CD's | 100% |
|-------------------------|------|

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the State Investment Board's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the State Investment Board.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide

an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

**■ North Dakota Health Care Trust Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Cash Equivalents & CD's | 2,284,976 | 100% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 2,284,976 | 100% | 3.43% |

STATE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND

■ State Risk Management Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Plan Characteristics and Fund Constraints

To address the State's loss of sovereign immunity, the 1995 North Dakota Legislature created a new chapter of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC), 32-12.2. That Chapter established the Risk Management Fund (the Fund) to administer claims against the State and state employees for personal injury, death, or property damage caused by the State or a state employee acting within the scope of the employee's employment. The Fund is directed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Each entity of the State is required to participate in the Fund. Contributions to the Fund are determined by the Director of OMB based on an actuarial review of the financial status of the Fund. This results in a fluctuation of contributions made to the Fund from one biennium to another.

The amount of money damages the Fund may pay is limited for state court actions to a total of \$250,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per occurrence. These liability caps may not be recognized in Federal Court actions or in actions filed in other states. The Fund's excess carrier provides coverage up to \$10,000,000 for those exposures not covered by the Tort Claims Act.

Significant claims paid from the Fund are usually somewhat predictable and take a period of time to resolve. A person bringing a claim or lawsuit against the State or a state employee must give notice to the OMB Director within 180 days after the alleged injury is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered. If the claim is one for death, the notice must be provided within one year after the alleged injury resulting in the death.

The Risk Management Division's operating expenses including loss control activities are paid from the Fund as incurred.

The Fund's asset allocation will need to be reviewed at the end of the 2007-2009 biennium for appropriateness.

Responsibilities of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The Fund is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. When a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants, and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives of the Fund reflect the long-term nature of the Fund, but also the low risk tolerance and shorter-term liquidity needs. Operating and statutory considerations shape the Fund's policies and priorities as outlined below:

Objective #1: Investment income is needed to provide stability for insurance reserves. This will be achieved through a diversified portfolio of high quality fixed income and equity assets.

Objective #2: Growth of capital is needed to provide an inflationary hedge and add to the growth of surplus. Capital growth will be sought through investment in equities and/or equity substitutes.

Objective #3: Sufficient liquidity is to be maintained to meet known or anticipated financial obligations and preserve the value of the surplus. Cash equivalent investments will be used to achieve this objective.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund's investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.

- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 6.34% rate of return based on Callan Associates' 2007 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 6.59%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the SIB, with input from the OMB. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the Fund:

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| Large Cap Domestic Equity | 22.5% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equity | 7.5% |
| Fixed Income | 65.0% |
| Cash Equivalents | 5.0% |

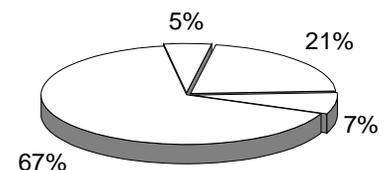
Rebalancing of the Fund to this allocation will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.

State Risk Management Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 767,513 | 21% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 250,922 | 7% | |
| Fixed Income | 2,398,664 | 67% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 185,642 | 5% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 3,602,741 | 100% | -2.70% |



- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

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- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

STATE RISK MANAGEMENT WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND

■ State Risk Management Workers Comp Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Plan Characteristics and Fund Constraints

The 2001 North Dakota Legislature established a single workers' compensation account for state entities, N.D.C.C. § 65-04-03.1. N.D.C.C. § 65-04-03.1(2) directs that workers' compensation premiums from state entities must be deposited in the Risk Management Workers Compensation Fund (Fund) and the State Investment Board is directed to invest the Fund in accordance with chapter 21-10.

The Risk Management Division of the Office of Management and Budget is responsible for administering the Fund to include promulgating rules, collecting and dispersing funds, and establishing an internal workers' compensation return-to-work program. Each entity of the State is required to participate in the program unless exempted by the director of the Office of Management and Budget. Contributions to the Fund are determined by Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) based on an actuarial review of combined payroll, premium, and loss history of agencies to determine experience rates, assessments, and premiums.

The Risk Management Workers Compensation Program charges the entity the first \$250 (\$0 if a designated medical provider is used for treatment) of each accepted claim and pays disability and medical benefits of up to \$100,000 dollars per claim. Dollar amounts for claims in excess of \$100,000 are paid for by WSI. In turn the Program pays WSI approximately \$1.7 million per year in premiums.

The Fund's asset allocation will need to be reviewed at the end of the 2007-2009 biennium for appropriateness.

Responsibilities of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The Fund is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

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Investment Objectives

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Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund's investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 6.64% rate of return based on Callan Associates' 2007 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 7.57%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the SIB, with input from the OMB. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the Fund:

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Large Cap Domestic Equity | 27.75% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equity | 9.25% |
| Fixed Income | 60.00% |
| Cash Equivalents | 3.00% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this allocation will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the State Investment Board's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the State Investment Board.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a

similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

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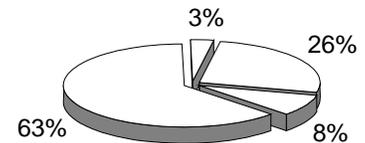
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- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

**State Risk Management WC Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 797,078 | 26% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 259,169 | 8% | |
| Fixed Income | 1,911,050 | 63% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 94,366 | 3% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 3,061,663 | 100% | -3.99% |



NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

■ ND Association of Counties (NDACo) Fund and NDACo Program Savings Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Introduction

The North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACo) (Funds) was established to aid in the administration of county government by providing a medium for exchange of information, ideas, and experience of county officials; promote training; facilitate cooperation with all levels of government; and be a legislative advocate for counties. NDACo and the benefits provided thereunder are funded by dues from member counties and special programs and projects of NDACo.

The NDACo has chosen to segregate these monies into two separate fund (Funds) with identical investment policies. This statement governs both Funds.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

NDACo has entered into a contract with the SIB for investment services as allowed under NDCC 21-10-06. It is the responsibility of NDACo to establish policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Funds. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Funds in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Funds' assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

Funds in excess of those required for operating and claims payment needs will be invested to obtain the maximum total return on investments consistent with safety of principal on funds in excess of those required for operating and claims payment needs. The investment fund(s) may be comprised of fixed income securities and equity securities. Individual investments may be either actively or passively managed.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Funds' investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to asset allocations that are considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Funds should produce rates of return that meet or exceed the portfolio policy index defined as 26.25% S&P 500 domestic stock index, 8.75% Russell 2000 domestic small cap index, 10% MSCI EAFE international stock index, 50% Lehman Brothers Aggregate domestic bond index, and 5% 90-day Treasury bills.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Funds should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Funds should match or exceed the expected 6.65% rate of return based on Callan Associates' 2005 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 8.50%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation is established by the SIB, with input from NDACo. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocations are deemed appropriate for the funds.

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>NDACo Fund</u> | <u>NDACo Program Savings</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Dom Lg Cap Equity | 29.7% | 26.2% |
| Dom Sm Cap Equity | 12.0% | 8.8% |
| Int'l Equity | 13.3% | 10.0% |
| Dom Fixed Income | 40.0% | 50.0% |
| Cash Equivalents | 5.0% | 5.0% |

Rebalancing of the Funds to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Funds’ assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB’s master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

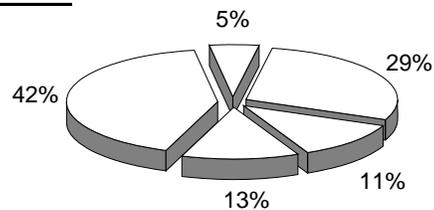
Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Funds’ policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

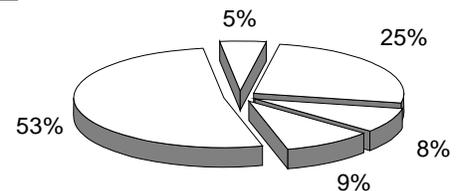
**ND Association of Counties (NDACo) Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 323,163 | 29% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 128,921 | 11% | |
| International Equity | 142,575 | 13% | |
| Fixed Income | 471,310 | 42% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 58,779 | 5% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 1,124,748 | 100% | -7.79% |



**NDACo Program Savings Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 202,560 | 25% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 66,328 | 8% | |
| International Equity | 76,225 | 9% | |
| Fixed Income | 417,298 | 53% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 41,265 | 5% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 803,676 | 100% | -5.77% |



CITY OF BISMARCK DEFERRED SICK LEAVE ACCOUNT

■ City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Fund Characteristics and Constraints

The City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave Account (the Fund) represents money set aside to cover the City’s unfunded liability of employees’ accrued sick leave. People who terminate employment with the City shall be compensated for unused sick leave from this Fund. In time, it is expected that the Fund will become depleted.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The City of Bismarck (Client) has entered into a contract with the SIB for investment services as allowed under NDCC 21-10-06. It is the responsibility of the Client to establish policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund’s assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish appropriate asset class pools designed to provide specific quality and diversification guidelines, restrictions, and performance objectives consistent with the goals of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB’s role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

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The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives are to obtain a reasonable rate of return on the Fund while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet known or anticipated financial obligations. Operating considerations shape the Fund’s policies and priorities as outlined below:

Objective #1: Investment income is needed as a funding source. This will be achieved through a

diversified portfolio of high quality fixed income and equity assets.

Objective #2: Growth of capital is needed to provide an inflationary hedge and add to the growth of the Fund. Capital growth is sought through investment in equities and/or equity substitutes.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund’s investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index defined as 15% S&P 500 domestic stock index, 5% Russell 2000 domestic small cap index, 10% MSCI EAFE international stock index, 65% Lehman Aggregate domestic bond index, and 5% 90-day Treasury Bills.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should be consistent with that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 6.00% rate of return based on Callan Associates’ 2005 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 6.50%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the City of Bismarck. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity requirements and sick leave payment demand, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the Fund:

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| Large Cap Domestic Equity | 15% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equity | 5% |
| International Equity | 10% |
| Fixed Income | 65% |
| Cash Equivalents | 5% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB’s rebalancing policy.

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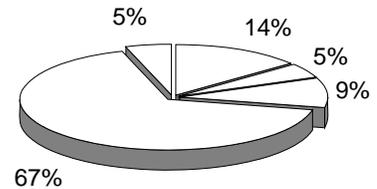
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- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

**City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 113,874 | 14% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 37,307 | 5% | |
| International Equity | 74,585 | 9% | |
| Fixed Income | 533,948 | 67% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 41,024 | 5% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 800,738 | 100% | -3.20% |



NDPERS GROUP INSURANCE ACCOUNT

■ NDPERS Group Insurance Account Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Introduction

The NDPERS Group Insurance Account (the Fund) was established to hold insurance premiums collected from employers until paid to the insurance carrier.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The assets are to be invested in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

Investment Objectives

Premiums are collected throughout the month at PERS and will be forwarded to the Fund investment account on the 1st and 15th of each month. The premiums transferred into the investment account will be transferred back to PERS on approximately the 22nd of each month so they may be remitted to the insurance carrier.

■ NDPERS Group Insurance Account Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Cash Equivalents | \$4,391,120 | 100% | 3.43% |

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund's investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index defined as the 90-day Treasury bill.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation is established by NDPERS. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity. In recognition of this factor, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the Fund:

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|------------------|------|
| Cash Equivalents | 100% |
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This cash will be held in an enhanced money market account at the Bank of North Dakota.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. No derivative instruments or strategies which make use of derivatives which would cause the portfolio to be in any way leveraged will be used.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the SIB.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No short sales or margin purchases shall be made.

CITY OF FARGO FARGODOME PERMANENT FUND

■ City of Fargo FargoDome Permanent Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Fund Characteristics and Constraints

The City of Fargo has set aside excess sales tax collections intended for the administration of the FargoDome in the FargoDome Permanent Fund (Fund). The initial amount in the fund is approximately \$2.8 million with additional deposits of \$1 million per year until 2009. No withdrawals are expected to be made until after 2009 when the sales tax revenue is discontinued.

Responsibilities of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The SIB is charged by law under NDCC 21-10 with the responsibility of establishing investment policy and investing the assets of the Fund. The assets are to be invested in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. When a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants, and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives are to obtain a reasonable rate of return on the Fund while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet known or anticipated financial obligations. Operating considerations shape the Fund's policies and priorities as outlined below:

Objective #1: Investment income is needed as a funding source. This will be achieved through a diversified portfolio of high quality fixed income and equity assets.

Objective #2: Growth of capital is needed to provide an inflationary hedge and add to the growth of the Fund. Capital growth is sought through investment in equities and/or equity substitutes.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund's investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index defined as 37.5% S&P 500 domestic stock index, 12.5% Russell 2000 domestic small cap index, 49% Lehman Aggregate domestic bond index, and 1% 90-day Treasury bills.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected 6.91% rate of return based on Callan Associates' 2005 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 9.47%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Fund is established by the City of Fargo Finance Committee, with input from RIO staff. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the fund:

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| Large Cap Domestic Equity | 37.5% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equity | 12.5% |
| Fixed Income | 49.0% |
| Cash Equivalents | 1.0% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the State Investment Board's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the State Investment Board.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as *"The investment or commitment of public pension fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."*

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

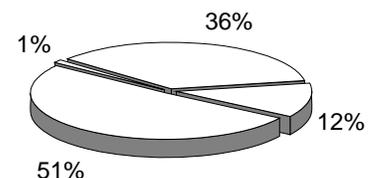
Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

**■ City of Fargo FargoDome Permanent Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 5,812,495 | 36% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 1,902,155 | 12% | |
| Fixed Income | 8,210,790 | 51% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 168,054 | 1% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 16,093,494 | 100% | -6.25% |



NORTH DAKOTA CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

■ ND Cultural Endowment Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Fund Characteristics and Constraints

The North Dakota Cultural Endowment Fund (Fund) was created by the State Legislature in 1979 and is governed by NDCC 54-54-08.2.

The Fund was established “to improve the intrinsic quality of the lives of the state’s citizens now and in the future through programs approved by the council on the arts.” Such programs must:

1. Increase cultural awareness by the state’s citizens through programs in arts, crafts, theater, ethnic and folk arts, literature, journalism, public media, historic preservation and interpretation, visual arts, and architecture.
2. Make the items named in #1 above more available to the state’s citizens.
3. Encourage the development of talent in the areas named in #1 above within the state.
4. Preserve and increase understanding of North Dakota’s heritage and future.

The goals of the Fund are:

- To create a vehicle through which the North Dakota Council on the Arts can secure private and public funds to enhance existing programs;
- And to provide a stable funding source for the Council.

Sources of funding for the Fund are private donations and periodic General Fund appropriations. The current principal balance that must be maintained in the Fund is \$150,000. Disbursements from the Fund will amount to approximately \$5,000 per year for fellowship grants.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The Fund is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund’s assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. When a money

manager has been retained, the SIB’s role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants, and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives of the Fund reflect the long-term nature of the Fund, but also the low risk tolerance and shorter-term liquidity needs. Operating and statutory considerations shape the Funds policies and priorities as outlined below:

Objective #1: Investment income is needed to provide balance in investment return sources. This will be achieved through a diversified portfolio of high quality fixed income and equity assets.

Objective #2: Growth of capital is needed to provide an inflationary hedge. Capital growth will be sought through investment in equities.

Objective #3: Sufficient liquidity is to be maintained to meet known or anticipated financial obligations. Cash equivalent investments will be used to achieve this objective.

Objective #4: The risk of violating the mandated minimum balance requirement of \$150,000 is to be minimized. This will be achieved by an asset allocation consistent with this objective.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund’s investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index defined as 33.75% S&P 500 domestic stock index, 11.25% Russell 2000 domestic small cap index, 10% MSCI EAFE international stock index, 37% Lehman Aggregate domestic bond index, 5% NCREIF Total real estate index, and 3% 90-day Treasury bills.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10 year and longer time periods the Fund should match or exceed the expected

7.26% rate of return based on Callan Associates' 2005 market projections. Expected risk for the period, measured by standard deviation, is 10.44%.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Cultural Endowment Fund is established by the North Dakota Council on the Arts, with input from the SIB. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the fund:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Large Cap Domestic Equities | 33.75% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equities | 11.25% |
| International Equities | 10.00% |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 37.00% |
| Real Estate | 5.00% |
| Cash Equivalents | 3.00% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the State Investment Board's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the State Investment Board.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.

f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public pension fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

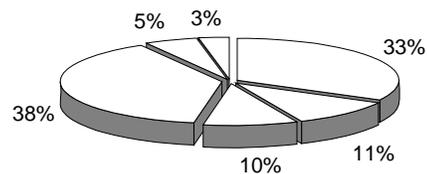
Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

**ND Cultural Endowment Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 87,992 | 33% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 28,747 | 11% | |
| International Equity | 25,659 | 10% | |
| Fixed Income | 104,248 | 38% | |
| Real Estate | 14,100 | 5% | |
| Cash Equivalents | 8,447 | 3% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 269,193 | 100% | -7.59% |



NORTH DAKOTA BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND

■ ND Budget Stabilization Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Fund Characteristics and Constraints

The Budget Stabilization Fund (Fund) is a special fund created in 1987 under Chapter 54-27.2 of the North Dakota Century Code used to deposit general fund moneys in excess of appropriations. Notwithstanding any other provision of law except sections 54-27.2-01 and 54-27.2-02, any amount in the state general fund in excess of \$100,527,369 was required to be transferred by the state treasurer to the budget stabilization fund from the general fund on July 1, 2007. This transfer will provide for a total of \$200,000,000 in the budget stabilization fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2009. The state investment board shall supervise investment of the budget stabilization fund in accordance with chapter 21-10.

Any interest or other budget stabilization fund earnings must be deposited in the fund. Any amounts provided by law for deposit in the fund and any interest or earnings of the fund which would bring the balance in the fund to an amount greater than five percent of the current biennial state general fund budget, as finally approved by the most recently adjourned special or regular session of the legislative assembly, may not be deposited or retained in the fund but must be deposited instead in the state general fund.

If the director of the office of management and budget projects that general fund revenues for the biennium will be at least two and one-half percent less than estimated by the most recently adjourned special or regular session of the legislative assembly, and if the governor orders a transfer, the state treasurer shall transfer the appropriate funds from the budget stabilization fund to the state general fund to offset the decrease in general fund revenues. The amount transferred from the budget stabilization fund upon order of the governor may not exceed the difference between an amount two and one-half percent below the general fund revenue projections for the biennium and the general fund revenue projections for the biennium by the director of the office of management and budget.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

The Fund is charged by law under NDCC 21-10-02.1 with the responsibility of establishing policies on investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The SIB is charged with implementing these policies and asset allocation and investing the assets of the Fund in a manner consistent with the prudent investor rule as provided in NDCC 21-10-07.

At the discretion of the SIB, the Fund's assets may be pooled with other funds. In pooling funds, the SIB may establish whatever asset class pools it deems necessary with specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives appropriate to the prudent investor rule and objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility to professional money managers. When a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy and security selection is supervisory, not advisory.

The SIB is responsible for establishing criteria and procedures and making decisions with respect to hiring, maintaining, and terminating money managers. This responsibility includes selecting performance measurement services, consultants, and report formats and determining the frequency of meetings with managers.

The SIB will implement changes to this policy as promptly as is prudent.

Investment Objectives

The investment objectives of the Fund reflect the long-term nature of the Fund, but also the low risk tolerance and shorter-term liquidity needs. Operating and statutory considerations shape the Funds policies and priorities as outlined below:

Objective: Sufficient liquidity is to be maintained to meet known or anticipated financial obligations. Cash equivalent investments will be used to achieve this objective.

Standards of Investment Performance

The Fund's investment objectives and liquidity constraints give rise to an asset allocation that is considered the most likely to achieve the results desired. For evaluation purposes, the following performance targets will apply:

- a. The Fund should produce a rate of return that meets or exceeds the portfolio policy index.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.

Policy and Guidelines

The asset allocation of the Budget Stabilization Fund is established by the Office of Management and Budget, with input from the SIB. Asset allocation is based upon the appraisal of projected liquidity and income requirements, and estimates of the investment returns likely to be achieved by the various asset classes over the next five years.

In recognition of these factors, the following allocation is deemed appropriate for the fund:

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| Cash Equivalents & CDs | Minimum of 50% |
| Other Fixed Income | Maximum of 10% |
| Absolute Return Strategies | Maximum of 10% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy.

While the SIB is responsible for establishing specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives for the investment vehicles in which the Fund's assets will be invested, it is understood that:

- a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
- b. Derivative use will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
- c. All assets will be held in custody by the State Investment Board's master custodian or such other custodians as are acceptable to the State Investment Board.
- d. No funds shall be borrowed.
- e. No unhedged short sales or speculative margin purchases shall be made.
- f. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

For the purpose of this document, Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public pension fund money

for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."

- g. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

For the purpose of this document economically targeted investment is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

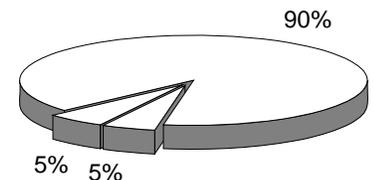
Also, for the purpose of this document, the Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.
- (4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Fund's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

**ND Budget Stabilization Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Fixed Income | \$ 10,204,050 | 5% | |
| Absolute Return Strategies | 10,637,027 | 5% | |
| Cash Equivalents & CD's | 178,031,445 | 90% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$ 198,872,522 | 100% | 0.01% |



RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT FUND

■ Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund Investment Objectives and Policy Guidelines

Plan Characteristics and Constraints

The North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund was established in 1989 to provide for prefunding of premiums for medical coverage to state employees and employees of participating political subdivisions in accordance with Chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code. The plan is administered by a seven member Board of Trustees (the Board). The Chair is appointed by the governor, three members are elected by the active members of the plans, one member is elected by the retired members, one is appointed by the Attorney General and the seventh member is the State Health Officer or their designee.

The NDPERS plan is a defined benefit program that provides for a partial payment of a retiree's medical insurance premium based on the number of years of service.

Funding for the NDPERS plan is provided by a monthly employer contribution of one percent of payroll. On a monthly basis, benefit payments are netted out against contributions and the balance forwarded to the trust's custodian for investment.

Each year the NDPERS Board has an actuarial valuation performed. The current actuarial assumed rate of return on assets for the plan is 8.0%.

Responsibilities and Discretion of the State Investment Board (SIB)

Aggregate plan contributions plus earnings, minus allowable expenses constitute the Fund. The Board is charged by NDCC chapters 54-52, 21-10-02, and 39-03.1 to establish policies for the investment goals and asset allocation of the Fund. The State Investment Board (SIB) is charged with implementing the asset allocation as promptly and prudently as possible in accordance with Board's policies by investing the assets of the Fund in the manner provided in the prudent investor rule, which provides:

Fund fiduciaries shall exercise the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that an institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds, considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income. The retirement funds belonging to the teachers' fund for retirement and the public employees retirement system must be invested exclusively for the benefit of their members and in

accordance with the respective funds' investment goals and objectives. (NDCC 21-10-07)

The SIB may delegate investment responsibility of the Fund or any portion of the Fund to professional money managers. Where a money manager has been retained, the SIB's role in determining investment strategy is supervisory not advisory.

The SIB may at its discretion, pool the assets of the Fund with another fund or funds having similar investment objectives and time horizons in order to maximize returns and minimize costs. In pooling fund assets the SIB will establish asset class pools it deems necessary to achieve the specific quality, diversification, restrictions, and performance objectives subject to the prudent investor rule and the objectives of the funds participating in the pools.

The SIB is responsible for establishing the selection criteria, determining the performance measures, and retaining all fund money managers. SIB is also responsible for the selection and retention of any investment consultants that may be employed in the investment of the Fund assets.

Delegation of Authority

Management responsibility for NDPERS funds not assigned to the North Dakota State Investment Board (SIB) in Chapter 21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) is hereby delegated to the SIB, which must establish written policies and procedures for the operation of the NDPERS funds, consistent with this investment policy.

Such procedures must provide for:

1. The definition and assignment of duties and responsibilities to advisory services and persons employed by the SIB pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1) (a).
2. Investment diversification, investment quality, qualification of money managers, and amounts to be invested by money managers pursuant to NDCC 21-10-02.1(1)(e). In developing these policies it is understood:
 - a. Futures and options may be used to hedge or replicate underlying index exposure, but not for speculation.
 - b. The use of derivatives will be monitored to ensure that undue risks are not taken by the money managers.
 - c. All assets must be held in custody by the SIB's master custodian or such other custodians as are selected by the SIB.
3. Guidelines for the selection and redemption of investments will be in accordance with NDCC 21-10-02.1(1) (d).

4. The criteria for making decisions with respect to hiring, retention, and termination of money managers will be clearly defined. This also includes selecting performance measurement standards, consultants, report formats, and frequency of meetings with money managers.

All participants in the investment process must seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust.

Investment Goals

The investment goals of the Fund have been established by the NDPERS Board based upon consideration of the Board's strategic objectives and a comprehensive review of the current and projected financial requirements. These goals are to be viewed over the long term.

- Goal #1 Accumulate sufficient wealth through a diversified portfolio of investments which will enable the State of North Dakota to pay all current and future retirement benefits and expense obligations of the Fund.
- Goal #2 To obtain an investment return in excess of that needed to allow for increases in a retiree's credit to maintain the purchasing power of their benefit.

Investment Performance Objective

The NDPERS Board will seek to make investments that generate sufficient return to meet the goals outlined in this policy. The objectives established in this section are in accordance with the fiduciary requirement in federal and state law.

It is in the best interest of NDPERS and its beneficiaries that performance objectives be established for the total Fund. It is clearly understood these objectives are to be viewed over the long term and have been established after full consideration of all factors set forth in this Statement of Investment Goals, Objectives and Policies.

- a. The fund's rate of return, over the long term, should equal that of the policy portfolio which is comprised of policy weights of appropriate asset class benchmarks as set by the SIB.
- b. The annual standard deviation of total returns for the Fund should not exceed that of the policy portfolio.
- c. Over 10-year and longer periods the fund should match or exceed the expected rate of return projected in the most recent asset/liability study without exceeding the expected risk for the period as measured by standard deviation.

Asset Allocation

In recognition of the plan's performance objectives, benefit projections, and capital market expectations, the NDPERS Board has established the following asset allocation:

Date of Last Asset Allocation Study: NDPERS Board Approved December 2005 – SEI Corporation

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Large Cap Domestic Equities | 35% |
| Small Cap Domestic Equities | 15% |
| International Equities | 15% |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 35% |
| Expected Return | 9.4% |
| Standard Deviation of Returns | 10.6% |

Rebalancing of the Fund to this target will be done in accordance with the SIB's rebalancing policy, but not less than annually.

Restrictions

- A. No transaction may be made which threatens the tax exempt status of the Fund.

Social Investing is defined as "The investment or commitment of public pension fund money for the purpose of obtaining an effect other than a maximized return to the intended beneficiaries."
- B. Social investing is prohibited unless it meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule and it can be substantiated that the investment must provide an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.

Economically targeted investing is defined as an investment designed to produce a competitive rate of return commensurate with risk involved, as well as to create collateral economic benefits for a targeted geographic area, group of people, or sector of the economy.

- C. Economically targeted investing is prohibited unless the investment meets the Exclusive Benefit Rule.

The Exclusive Benefit Rule is met if the following four conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The cost does not exceed the fair market value at the time of investment.
- (2) The investment provides the Fund with an equivalent or superior rate of return for a similar investment with a similar time horizon and similar risk.
- (3) Sufficient liquidity is maintained in the Fund to permit distributions in accordance with the terms of the plan.

(4) The safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to are present.

Where investment characteristics, including yield, risk, and liquidity are equivalent, the Board's policy favors investments which will have a positive impact on the economy of North Dakota.

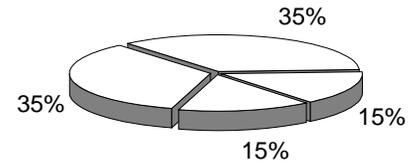
Internal Controls

The SIB must have a system of internal controls to prevent losses of public funds arising from fraud or

employee error. The controls deemed most important are the separation of responsibilities for investment purchases from the recording of investment activity, custodial safekeeping, written confirmation of investment transactions, and established criteria for broker relationships. The annual financial audit must include a comprehensive review of the portfolio, accounting procedures for security transactions and compliance with the investment policy.

■ **Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund
Actual Asset Allocation – June 30, 2008**

| <u>Asset Allocation</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Percent of Total</u> | <u>One Year Return</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Domestic Large Cap Equity | \$ 14,138,251 | 35% | |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity | 5,934,705 | 15% | |
| International Equity | 6,110,015 | 15% | |
| Fixed Income | 13,823,725 | 35% | |
| TOTAL FUND | \$40,006,696 | 100% | -14.19% |



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ACTUARIAL SECTION



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SUBJECT: ACTUARIAL VALUATION AS OF JULY 1, 2008

We certify that the information contained in this report is accurate and fairly presents the actuarial position of the North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) as of July 1, 2008.

All calculations have been made in conformity with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, and with the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board. In our opinion the results presented also comply with the North Dakota Century Code, and, where applicable, the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, and the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The undersigned are independent actuaries. Both are Enrolled Actuaries and Members of the American Academy of Actuaries and are experienced in performing valuations for large public retirement systems. Both meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries.

ACTUARIAL VALUATION

The primary purposes of the valuation report are to determine the adequacy of the current employer contribution rate, to describe the current financial condition of TFFR, and to analyze changes in TFFR's condition. In addition, the report provides information required by TFFR in connection with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 25 (GASB 25), and it provides various summaries of the data. Valuations are prepared annually, as of July 1 of each year, the first day of TFFR's plan and fiscal year.

FINANCING OBJECTIVES

The member and employer contribution rates are established by statute. The member rate is set at 7.75%. Effective July 1, 2008, the employer rate increased from 7.75% to 8.25%. The addition of 0.50% to the employer contribution rate will remain in effect until TFFR is 90% funded on an actuarial basis.

The rates are intended to be sufficient to pay TFFR's normal cost and to amortize TFFR's unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) over a period of 30 years from the valuation date. A thirty-year period is the maximum amortization period allowed by GASB 25 in computing the Annual

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Required Contribution (ARC). The thirty-year period is in common use for public-sector plans and is considered reasonable by the actuary.

PROGRESS TOWARD REALIZATION OF FINANCING OBJECTIVES

In order to determine the adequacy of the 8.25% statutory employer contribution rate, it is compared to the GASB 25 Annual Required Contribution (ARC). The ARC is equal to the sum of (a) the employer normal cost rate, and (b) the level percentage of pay required to amortize the UAAL over a 30-year period. For this calculation, payroll is assumed to increase 2.00% per annum. As of July 1, 2008, the ARC is 9.24%, decreased from 10.15% last year. This is greater than the 8.25% rate currently required by law. The shortfall (the negative margin) between the rate mandated by law and the rate necessary to fund the UAAL in 30 years is -0.99%.

The plan had a net asset loss of \$63 million from previous years which has not yet been recognized in the actuarial value of assets, because of the five-year smoothing. This unrecognized asset loss is due to a large market loss during FY 2008.

The funded ratio (the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability) increased from last year. The funded ratio at July 1, 2007 was 79.2%, while it is 81.9% as of July 1, 2008. Based on market values rather than actuarial values of assets, the funded ratio decreased to 79.2% from 91.9% last year.

REPORTING CONSEQUENCES

TFFR is required to report in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 that actual contributions received in FY 2008 were less than the ARC. The FY 2008 7.75% statutory rate was 76.4% of the 10.15% ARC determined by the last valuation. Next year, the CAFR for FY 2009 will show that the 8.25% statutory rate is only 89.3% of the 9.24% ARC. There are no other accounting consequences for the state or the other school districts that sponsor TFFR, since it is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement system.

BENEFIT PROVISIONS

The actuarial valuation reflects the benefit and contribution provisions set forth in the North Dakota Century Code. These have not changed from the prior year's valuation.

In addition to making the employer contribution rate increase discussed above, SB 2046, enacted in 2007, created a new tier of benefits for members hired on or after July 1, 2008. These provisions are described in detail on Table 19. These future hires are called Tier 2 members. There are no Tier 2 members in the data used for this valuation, but the Tier 2 provisions were used in calculating the normal cost, as they were in last year's valuation.

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In FY 2008, sixteen employees of the Career and Technical Education department transferred to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), and in conjunction with this, \$3.2 million in assets were transferred to PERS at the same time. This did not materially affect TFFR.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

Actuarial assumptions and methods are set by the Board of Trustees, based upon recommendations made by the plan's actuary. These assumptions and procedures were last changed in 2005, following an analysis of plan experience for the five-year period ending June 30, 2004. The Board adopted the assumptions and methods recommended by the actuary. We believe the assumptions are internally consistent and are reasonable, based on the actual experience of TFFR. These actuarial assumptions and methods comply with the parameters for disclosure in GASB 25.

The results of the actuarial valuation are dependent on the actuarial assumptions used. Actual results can and almost certainly will differ, as actual experience deviates from the assumptions. Even seemingly minor changes in the assumptions can materially change the liabilities, calculated contribution rates, and funding periods.

DATA

Member data for retired, active, and inactive participants was supplied as of July 1, 2008, by the staff of the Retirement and Investment Office (RIO). We have not subjected this data to any auditing procedures, but have examined the data for reasonableness and consistency with the prior year's data. Asset information was also supplied by the RIO staff.

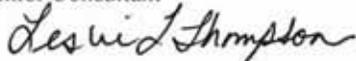
CAFR SCHEDULES

The undersigned provided the information used to prepare all of the schedules and exhibits in this section except for the Schedule of Retirees and Beneficiaries, which was prepared by the Retirement and Investment Office staff. We also provided the information shown on the Schedule of Funding Progress and the Schedule of Employer Contributions in the Financial Section.

Sincerely,
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SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL VALUATION RESULTS

| Valuation Date | 7/1/2008 | 7/1/2007 |
|--|---|---|
| Fiscal Year Ending | 6/30/2009 | 6/30/2008 |
| Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active Members - Retirees and Beneficiaries - Inactive, Vested - Inactive, Nonvested - Total • Payroll | 9,561 6,317 1,459 229 <u>17,566</u> | 9,599 6,077 1,439 142 <u>17,257</u> |
| | \$417.7 million | \$401.3 million |
| Statutory contribution rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer • Member | 8.25% 7.75% | 7.75% 7.75% |
| Assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market value • Actuarial value • Return on market value • Return on actuarial value • Ratio - actuarial value to market value • External cash flow % | \$1,846.1 million 1,909.5 million (7.0)% 11.6 % 103.4 % (2.3)% | \$2,029.8 million 1,750.1 million 20.4 % 14.4 % 86.2 % (1.9)% |
| Actuarial Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal cost % • Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) • Funded ratio • Funding period | 10.26% \$421.2 million 81.9% 57.0 years | 10.26% \$459.2 million 79.2% Infinite |
| GASB 25 ARC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amortization period • Amortization method • Calculated contribution rate • Margin | 30 years Level % (2.00%) 9.24% (0.99)% | 30 years Level % (2.00%) 10.15% (2.40)% |
| Gains/(Losses) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset experience • Liability experience • Benefit changes • Assumption/method changes • Total | \$ 62.4 million (15.7) million 0.0 million 0.0 million <u>\$ 46.7 million</u> | \$ 99.2 million 7.8 million (36.0) million (0.0) million <u>\$ 71.0 million</u> |

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

1. Investment Return Rate 8.00% per annum, compounded annually, composed of an assumed 3.00% inflation rate and a 5.00% real rate of return. (Adopted July 1, 1990; allocation between inflation and real rate of return modified July 1, 2000.)

2. Mortality Rates

Deaths per 100 Lives

| | <u>Age</u> | <u>Male Participants</u> | | <u>Female Participants</u> | |
|---|------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| | | <u>Non-Disabled</u> | <u>Disabled</u> | <u>Non-Disabled</u> | <u>Disabled</u> |
| a. Post Termination Non-Disabled—1994 Uninsured Pensioner Mortality Table set back three years for males and two years for females. (Adopted July 1, 2005.) | 20 | .0463 | 4.83 | .0293 | 2.63 |
| | 25 | .0598 | 4.83 | .0313 | 2.63 |
| | 30 | .0782 | 3.62 | .0338 | 2.37 |
| | 35 | .0902 | 2.78 | .0454 | 2.14 |
| b. Post Retirement Disabled—Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Disabled Life Mortality Tables Va and VIa. (Adopted July 1, 1990.) | 40 | .0958 | 2.82 | .0643 | 2.09 |
| | 45 | .1346 | 3.22 | .0943 | 2.24 |
| | 50 | .2042 | 3.83 | .1297 | 2.57 |
| | 55 | .3455 | 4.82 | .2051 | 2.95 |
| | 60 | .6001 | 6.03 | .3612 | 3.31 |
| | 65 | 1.0911 | 6.78 | .7179 | 3.70 |
| c. Active Mortality—65% of non-disabled post-termination mortality rates. (Adopted July 1, 2005.) | 70 | 1.9391 | 7.39 | 1.2648 | 4.11 |

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (continued)

3. Retirement Rates The following rates of retirement are assumed for members eligible to retire. (Adopted July 1, 2005.)

| Age | <u>Retirements per 100 Members</u> | | | |
|-----|--|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | <u>Unreduced Retirement Ultimate Rate*</u> | | <u>Reduced Retirement</u> | |
| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
| 50 | 20.0% | 25.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 51 | 20.0% | 25.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 52 | 20.0% | 25.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 53 | 20.0% | 25.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 54 | 20.0% | 25.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 55 | 20.0% | 25.0% | 2.0% | 1.5% |
| 56 | 20.0% | 25.0% | 2.0% | 1.5% |
| 57 | 20.0% | 25.0% | 2.0% | 1.5% |
| 58 | 20.0% | 25.0% | 2.0% | 1.5% |
| 59 | 20.0% | 20.0% | 2.0% | 1.5% |
| 60 | 25.0% | 25.0% | 5.0% | 2.0% |
| 61 | 30.0% | 30.0% | 5.0% | 2.0% |
| 62 | 30.0% | 50.0% | 20.0% | 10.0% |
| 63 | 25.0% | 25.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% |
| 64 | 20.0% | 50.0% | 25.0% | 20.0% |
| 65 | 65.0% | 50.0% | -- | -- |
| 66 | 35.0% | 30.0% | -- | -- |
| 67 | 35.0% | 30.0% | -- | -- |
| 68 | 35.0% | 30.0% | -- | -- |
| 69 | 35.0% | 30.0% | -- | -- |
| 70 | 100.0% | 100.0% | -- | -- |

* If a member reaches eligibility for unreduced retirement under the rule of 85 before age 65, a retirement rate of 50.0% (for males) or 65.0% (for females) is used for that age only.

4. Disability Rates As shown below for selected ages. (Adopted July 1, 2000.)

| <u>Age</u> | <u>Disabilities Per 100 Members</u> |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 20 | 0.016 |
| 25 | 0.016 |
| 30 | 0.016 |
| 35 | 0.016 |
| 40 | 0.048 |
| 45 | 0.080 |
| 50 | 0.128 |
| 55 | 0.224 |
| 60 | 0.432 |
| 65 | 0.000 |

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (continued)

5. Termination Rates 80% of the following withdrawal rates are used based on age and service, for causes other than death, disability, or retirement.
(Adopted July 1, 2005.)

| Males | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Years of Service | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ |
| 25 | 0.1420 | 0.1379 | 0.1366 | 0.1339 | 0.1220 | 0.1067 | 0.0896 | 0.0878 | 0.0860 | 0.0842 | 0.0598 |
| 30 | 0.1416 | 0.1376 | 0.1363 | 0.1336 | 0.1210 | 0.1053 | 0.0907 | 0.0889 | 0.0871 | 0.0853 | 0.0470 |
| 35 | 0.1359 | 0.1321 | 0.1308 | 0.1282 | 0.1141 | 0.0988 | 0.0867 | 0.0849 | 0.0832 | 0.0815 | 0.0343 |
| 40 | 0.1317 | 0.1280 | 0.1267 | 0.1243 | 0.1074 | 0.0928 | 0.0824 | 0.0808 | 0.0791 | 0.0775 | 0.0252 |
| 45 | 0.1282 | 0.1246 | 0.1234 | 0.1210 | 0.1002 | 0.0868 | 0.0777 | 0.0761 | 0.0746 | 0.0730 | 0.0196 |
| 50 | 0.1246 | 0.1211 | 0.1199 | 0.1176 | 0.0916 | 0.0809 | 0.0725 | 0.0710 | 0.0696 | 0.0681 | 0.0188 |
| 55 | 0.1444 | 0.1403 | 0.1390 | 0.1362 | 0.0974 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 60 | 0.1588 | 0.1544 | 0.1529 | 0.1499 | 0.1071 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 65 | 0.1747 | 0.1698 | 0.1681 | 0.1648 | 0.1178 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

| Females | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Years of Service | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ |
| 25 | 0.1654 | 0.1607 | 0.1592 | 0.1560 | 0.1307 | 0.1119 | 0.0952 | 0.0806 | 0.0790 | 0.0774 | 0.0352 |
| 30 | 0.1373 | 0.1334 | 0.1321 | 0.1295 | 0.1107 | 0.0964 | 0.0836 | 0.0738 | 0.0723 | 0.0708 | 0.0312 |
| 35 | 0.1143 | 0.1110 | 0.1100 | 0.1078 | 0.0926 | 0.0820 | 0.0732 | 0.0672 | 0.0658 | 0.0645 | 0.0275 |
| 40 | 0.0978 | 0.0951 | 0.0941 | 0.0923 | 0.0779 | 0.0695 | 0.0637 | 0.0607 | 0.0595 | 0.0583 | 0.0242 |
| 45 | 0.0910 | 0.0885 | 0.0876 | 0.0859 | 0.0686 | 0.0593 | 0.0553 | 0.0545 | 0.0535 | 0.0524 | 0.0220 |
| 50 | 0.0967 | 0.0940 | 0.0931 | 0.0912 | 0.0670 | 0.0519 | 0.0480 | 0.0484 | 0.0475 | 0.0465 | 0.0227 |
| 55 | 0.1455 | 0.1414 | 0.1400 | 0.1373 | 0.0742 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 60 | 0.1885 | 0.1831 | 0.1814 | 0.1778 | 0.0907 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 65 | 0.2498 | 0.2428 | 0.2404 | 0.2357 | 0.1167 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (continued)

6. Salary Increase Rates Inflation rate of 3.00% plus productivity increase rate of 1.50%, plus step-rate/promotional increase as shown below. (Adopted July 1, 2005.)

| <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Annual Step-Rate/ Promotional Component</u> | <u>Annual Total Salary Increase</u> |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 0 | 9.50% | 14.00% |
| 1 | 3.50% | 8.00% |
| 2 | 3.25% | 7.75% |
| 3 | 3.00% | 7.50% |
| 4 | 2.75% | 7.25% |
| 5 | 2.50% | 7.00% |
| 6 | 2.25% | 6.75% |
| 7 | 2.00% | 6.50% |
| 8 | 1.75% | 6.25% |
| 9 | 1.50% | 6.00% |
| 10 | 1.25% | 5.75% |
| 11 | 1.00% | 5.50% |
| 12 | 1.00% | 5.50% |
| 13 | 1.00% | 5.50% |
| 14 | 0.75% | 5.25% |
| 15 or more | 0.00% | 4.50% |

7. Payroll Growth Rate 2.00% per annum. This assumption does not include any allowance for future increase in the number of members. (Adopted July 1, 2005.)
8. Percent Married For valuation purposes, 75% of members are assumed to be married. Male members are assumed to be three years older than their spouses, and female members are assumed to be three years younger than their spouses. (Adopted July 1, 1992.)
9. Percent Electing a Deferred Termination Benefit Terminating members are assumed to elect the most valuable benefit at the time of termination. Termination benefits are assumed to commence at the first age at which unreduced benefits are available. (Adopted July 1, 1990.)
10. Provision for Expense The assumed investment return rate represents the anticipated net rate of return after payment of all administrative expenses and investment expenses. (Adopted July 1, 1992.)

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (continued)

ASSET VALUATION METHOD

The actuarial value of assets is based on the market value of assets with a five-year phase-in of actual investment return in excess of (or less than) expected investment income. Expected investment income is determined using the assumed investment return rate and the market value of assets (adjusted for receipts and disbursements during the year). The actual investment return for this purpose is determined net of all investment and administrative expenses.

ACTUARIAL COST METHOD

The GASB Annual Required Contribution (ARC) is determined using the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method. This method assigns the plan's total actuarial present value of future benefits to various periods. The actuarial accrued liability is assigned to years prior to the valuation, and the normal cost is assigned to the year following the valuation. The remaining costs are assigned to future years.

The normal cost rate is determined as a level percentage of payroll for a hypothetical group of new entrants, based on the characteristics (age at hire, sex, pay at hire) of actual new members joining TFFR during FY 2000 through FY 2004. The normal cost is determined on an aggregate basis for this group of hypothetical new entrants by dividing the total actuarial present value of future benefits by the actuarial present value of their future pay. Entry age is determined as the age at member's enrollment in TFFR. In the calculation of the normal cost, the benefit provisions applicable to future Tier 2 members were used. The actuarial accrued liability is the difference between the total present value of future benefits and the actuarial present value of future normal costs. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) is the excess of the actuarial accrued liability over the actuarial value of assets.

AMORTIZATION PERIOD AND METHOD

The GASB Annual Required Contribution (ARC) is determined as the sum of (a) the employer normal cost rate, and (b) a level percentage of payroll required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 30 years. If the calculated ARC is less than the 8.25% statutory employer contribution rate, the 8.25% rate will be treated as the ARC. The 30-year period is an open period, and does not decrease in subsequent valuations.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

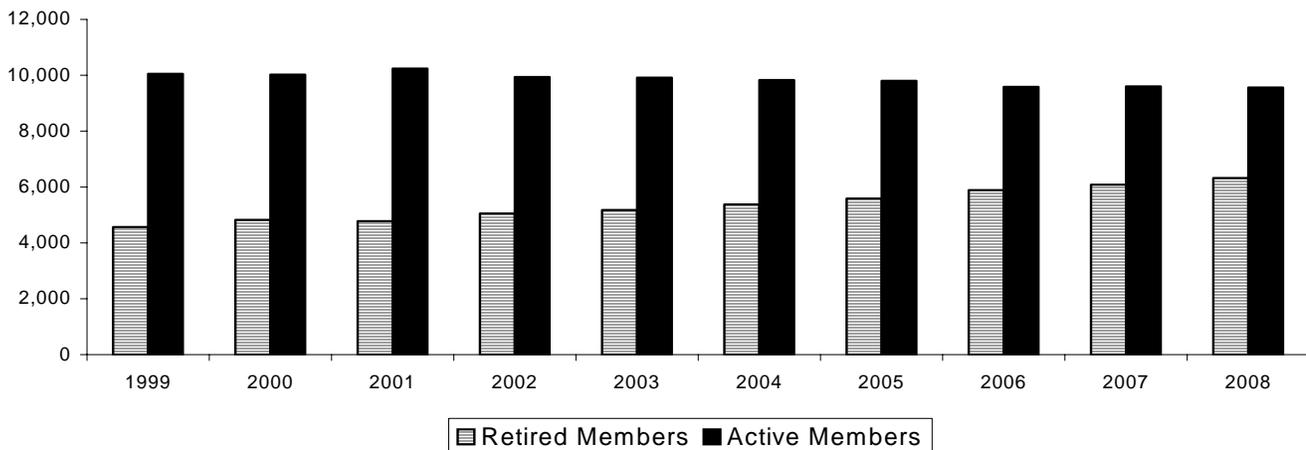
| Valuation Year | Active Members | | Covered Payroll | | Average Salary | | Average Age | Average Service |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Number | Percent Increase | Amount in \$ Millions | Percent Increase | \$ Amount | Percent Increase | | |
| 1999 | 10,046 | 1.5 | 314.6 | 5.4 | 31,318 | 3.9 | 44.0 | 14.4 |
| 2000 | 10,025 | (0.2) | 323.0 | 2.7 | 32,223 | 2.9 | 43.9 | 14.1 |
| 2001 | 10,239 | 2.1 | 342.2 | 5.9 | 33,421 | 3.7 | 44.4 | 14.4 |
| 2002 | 9,931 | (3.0) | 348.1 | 1.7 | 35,052 | 4.9 | 44.5 | 14.4 |
| 2003 | 9,916 | (0.2) | 367.9 | 5.7 | 37,105 | 5.9 | 44.8 | 14.6 |
| 2004 | 9,826 | (0.9) | 376.5 | 2.3 | 38,321 | 3.3 | 44.9 | 14.7 |
| 2005 | 9,801 | (0.3) | 386.6 | 2.7 | 39,447 | 2.9 | 44.9 | 14.7 |
| 2006 | 9,585 | (2.2) | 390.1 | 0.9 | 40,703 | 3.2 | 44.8 | 14.6 |
| 2007 | 9,599 | 0.1 | 401.3 | 2.9 | 41,810 | 2.7 | 44.7 | 14.5 |
| 2008 | 9,561 | (0.4) | 417.7 | 4.1 | 43,684 | 4.5 | 44.6 | 14.4 |

SCHEDULE OF RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES

| Valuation Year | Number Added During Year | Annual Benefits Added (in mils) | Number Removed During Year | Annual Benefits Removed (in mils) | Number Receiving End of Year | Average Annual Benefit | Annual Pension Benefits (in mils) | Percent Increase In Annual Benefits |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1999 | 170 | | 187 | | 4,568 | \$ 9,996 | \$46.1 | 5.5% |
| 2000 | 425 | | 166 | | 4,827 | 11,640 | 53.6 | 16.3 |
| 2001 | 162 | | 212 | | 4,777 | 11,940 | 57.7 | 7.6 |
| 2002 | 505 | | 228 | | 5,054 | 13,824 | 67.5 | 17.0 |
| 2003 | 312 | | 189 | | 5,177 | 14,436 | 72.0 | 6.7 |
| 2004 | 385 | \$ 8.3 | 189 | \$ 1.9 | 5,373 | 15,060 | 77.2 | 7.2 |
| 2005 | 385 | 8.9 | 172 | 1.8 | 5,586 | 15,708 | 84.5 | 9.5 |
| 2006 | 501 | 12.3 | 194 | 2.0 | 5,893 | 16,596 | 91.8 | 8.6 |
| 2007 | 380 | 8.8 | 196 | 1.9 | 6,077 | 17,208 | 99.7 | 8.6 |
| 2008 | 406 | 9.4 | 166 | 1.9 | 6,317 | 17,724 | 106.5 | 6.8 |

Detail on annual benefits added and removed is not available prior to 2004.

**ACTIVE MEMBERS VS RETIRED MEMBERS
10-YEAR SUMMARY**



ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN GASB ANNUAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION (ARC)

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Prior valuation | 10.15 % | 12.29 % |
| Increases/(decreases) due to: | | |
| Open amortization | (0.10)% | (0.12)% |
| Growth in covered payroll | (0.15)% | (0.07)% |
| Employer contributions received at 7.75%; rather than 10.15% or 12.29% | 0.09 % | 0.28 % |
| Liability experience | 0.25 % | (0.13)% |
| Investment experience | (1.00)% | (1.65)% |
| Assumption changes | 0.00 % | 0.00 % |
| Change in amortization method | 0.00 % | 0.00 % |
| Legislative changes | <u>0.00 %</u> | <u>(0.45)%</u> |
| Total | (0.91)% | (2.14)% |
| Current valuation | 9.24 % | 10.15 % |
| Statutory employer contribution rate | 8.25 % | 7.75 % |
| Margin available | (0.99)% | (2.40)% |

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY (UAAL)

| | <u>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (\$ in millions)</u> | |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------|
| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
| Prior valuation | \$ 459.2 | \$ 509.9 |
| Increases/(decreases) due to: | | |
| Amortization payments | \$ 8.7 | \$ 20.3 |
| Investment experience | (62.4) | (99.2) |
| Assumption changes | - | - |
| Liability experience | 15.7 | (7.8) |
| Change in actuarial methods | - | - |
| Legislative changes | <u>-</u> | <u>36.0</u> |
| Total | \$ (38.0) | \$ (50.7) |
| Current valuation | \$ 421.2 | \$ 459.2 |

SOLVENCY TEST

| Valuation Year | <u>Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (in millions)</u> | | | Actuarial Value of Assets (\$ in millions) | <u>Portion of AAL Covered by Valuation Assets</u> | | |
|----------------|--|----------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|---|
| | Active Member Contributions | Retirees and Beneficiaries | Active/Inactive Members (Employer Financed) | | Active Member Contributions | Retirees and Beneficiaries | Active/Inactive Members (Employer Financed) |
| 1999 | \$361.0 | \$ 426.5 | \$ 400.8 | \$1,053.1 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 66.3% |
| 2000 | 372.3 | 504.2 | 411.3 | 1,308.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2001 | 413.9 | 551.6 | 502.2 | 1,414.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 89.4 |
| 2002 | 421.5 | 643.9 | 510.3 | 1,443.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 74.1 |
| 2003 | 451.4 | 689.4 | 549.5 | 1,438.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 54.2 |
| 2004 | 475.3 | 755.2 | 569.9 | 1,445.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 37.8 |
| 2005 | 498.2 | 820.8 | 646.2 | 1,469.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 23.3 |
| 2006 | 504.4 | 929.1 | 640.3 | 1,564.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 20.4 |
| 2007 | 526.9 | 1,000.1 | 682.3 | 1,750.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 32.7 |
| 2008 | 547.3 | 1,074.8 | 708.6 | 1,909.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 40.6 |

SUMMARY OF BENEFIT PROVISIONS

1. Effective Date: July 1, 1971.
2. Plan Year: Twelve-month period ending June 30th.
3. Administration: The Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) is administered by a Board of Trustees. A separate State Investment Board is responsible for the investment of the trust assets, although the TFFR Board establishes the asset allocation policy. The Retirement and Investment Office is the administrative agency for TFFR.
4. Type of Plan: TFFR is a qualified governmental defined benefit retirement plan. For Governmental Accounting Standards Board purposes, it is a cost-sharing multiple employer Public Employee Retirement System.
5. Eligibility: All certified teachers of any public school in North Dakota participate in TFFR. This includes teachers, supervisors, principals, administrators, etc. Non-certified employees such as teacher's aides, janitors, secretaries, drivers, etc. are not allowed to participate in TFFR. Eligible employees become members at their date of employment.
6. Employee Contributions: All active members contribute 7.75% of their salary per year. The employer may "pick up" the member's assessments under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h).
7. Salary: The member's total earnings are used for salary purposes, including overtime, etc., and including nontaxable wages under a Section 125 plan, but excluding certain extraordinary compensation, such as fringe benefits or unused sick and vacation leave.
8. Employer Contributions: The district or other employer which employs a member contributes 7.75% of the member's salary. Effective July 1, 2008, 0.50% if the member's salary will be added to the employer contribution, making it 8.25%. However, the contribution rate will revert to 7.75% once the funded ratio reaches 90%, measured using the actuarial value of assets.
9. Service: Employees receive credit for service while a member. A member may also purchase credit for certain periods, such as time spent teaching at a public school in another state, by paying the actuarially determined cost of the additional service. Special rules and limits govern the purchase of additional service.
10. Tiers: Members who join TFFR by June 30, 2008, are in Tier 1, while members who join later are in Tier 2. If a Tier 1 member terminates, takes a refund, and later rejoins TFFR after June 30, 2008, that member will be in Tier 2 after being reemployed.
11. Final Average Compensation (FAC): The average of the member's highest three (Tier 1 members) or five (Tier 2 members) plan year salaries. Monthly benefits are based on one-twelfth of this amount.
12. Normal Retirement
 - a. Eligibility:
 - Tier 1 members may retire upon Normal Retirement on or after age 65 with credit for 3 years of service, or if earlier, when the sum of the member's age and service is at least 85.
 - Tier 2 members may retire upon Normal Retirement on or after age 65 with credit for 5 years of service, or if earlier, when the sum of the member's age and service is at least 90.

Summary of Benefit Provisions (continued)

- b. Monthly Benefit: 2.00% of FAC (monthly) times years of service.
- c. Payment Form: Benefits are paid as a monthly life annuity, with a guarantee that if the payments made do not exceed the member's assessments plus interest, determined as of the date of retirement, the balance will be paid in a lump-sum to the member's beneficiary. Optional forms of payment are available; see below.

13. Early Retirement

- a. Eligibility: Tier 1 members may retire early after reaching age 55 with credit for three years of service, while Tier 2 members may retire early after reaching age 55 with credit for five years of service.
- b. Monthly Benefit: 2.00% of FAC (monthly) times years of service, multiplied by a factor which reduces the benefit 6% for each year from the earlier of (i) age 65, or (ii) the age at which current service plus age equals 85 (Tier 1 members) or 90 (Tier 2 members).
- c. Payment Form: Same as for Normal Retirement above.

14. Disability Retirement

- a. Eligibility: A member is eligible provided he/she has credit for at least one year of service.
- b. Monthly Benefit: 2.00% of FAC (monthly) times years of service with a minimum 20 years of service.
- c. Payment Form: The disability benefit commences immediately upon the member's retirement. Benefits cease upon recovery or reemployment. Disability benefits are payable as a monthly life annuity with a guarantee that, at the member's death, the sum of the member's contributions plus interest as of the date of retirement that is in excess of the sum of payments already received will be paid in a lump-sum to the member's beneficiary.
- d. All alternative forms of payment other than option 5 and the partial lump-sum option are also permitted in the case of disability retirement. Disability benefits are converted to normal retirement benefits when the member reaches normal retirement age or age 65, whichever is earlier.

15. Deferred Termination Benefit

- a. Eligibility: A Tier 1 member with at least three years of service, or a Tier 2 member with at least five years of service, who does not withdraw his/her contributions from the fund, is eligible for a deferred termination benefit.
- b. Monthly Benefit: 2.00% of FAC (monthly) times years of service. Both FAC and service are determined at the time the member leaves active employment. Benefits may commence unreduced at age 65 or when the member's age and service is 85 (Tier 1 members) or 90 (Tier 2 members). Reduced benefits may commence at or after age 55 if the member is not eligible for an unreduced benefit.
- c. Payment Form: The form of payment is the same as for Normal Retirement above.

Summary of Benefit Provisions (continued)

- d. Death Benefit: A member who dies after leaving active service but before retiring is entitled to receive a benefit as described below in 17b.

16. Withdrawal (Refund) Benefit

- a. Eligibility: Tier 1 members leaving covered employment with less than three years of service, and Tier 2 members leaving covered employment with less than five years of service, are eligible. Optionally, vested members may withdraw their contributions plus interest in lieu of the deferred benefits otherwise due.
- b. Benefit: The member who withdraws receives a lump-sum payment of his/her employee contributions, plus the interest credited on these contributions. Interest is credited at 6% per year (0.5% per month).

17. Death Benefit

- a. Eligibility: Death must have occurred while an active or an inactive, non-retired member.
- b. Benefit: Upon the death of a nonvested member, a refund of the member's contributions and interest is paid. Upon the death of a vested member, the beneficiary may elect (i) the refund benefit above, (ii) payment for 60 months of the normal retirement benefit, based on FAC and service determined at the date of death, or (iii) a life annuity of the normal retirement benefit, determined under Option One below, based on FAC and service as of the date of death, but without applying any reduction for the member's age at death. In determining the reduction for Option One, members not eligible for normal retirement benefits use the Fund's option tables for disabled members.

18. Optional Forms of Payment: There are optional forms of payment available on an actuarially equivalent basis, as follows:

- a. Option 1 - A life annuity payable while either the participant or his beneficiary is alive, "popping-up" to the original life annuity if the beneficiary predeceases the member.
- b. Option 2 - A life annuity payable to the member while both the member and beneficiary are alive, reducing to 50% of this amount if the member predeceases the beneficiary, and "popping-up" to the original life annuity if the beneficiary predeceases the member.
- c. Option 3a - A life annuity payable to the member, with a guarantee that, should the member die prior to receiving 60 payments (five years), the payments will be continued to a beneficiary for the balance of the five-year period. (This option has been replaced by Option 3b. It is not available to employees who retire on or after August 1, 2003. Retirees who elected this option prior to that date are unaffected.)
- d. Option 3b - A life annuity payable to the member, with a guarantee that, should the member die prior to receiving 240 payments (twenty years), the payments will be continued to a beneficiary for the balance of the twenty-year period. (This option replaced Option 3a effective August 1, 2003.)
- e. Option 4 - A life annuity payable to the member, with a guarantee that, should the member die prior to receiving 120 payments (ten years), the payments will be continued to a beneficiary for the balance of the ten-year period.

Summary of Benefit Provisions (continued)

- f. Option 5 - A nonlevel annuity payable to the member, designed to provide a level total income when combined with the member's Social Security benefit. This option is not available to disabled retirees.

In addition, members may elect a partial lump-sum option (PLSO) at retirement. Under this option, a member receives an immediate lump-sum equal to 12 times the monthly life annuity benefit and a reduced annuity. The reduction is determined actuarially. The member can then elect to receive the annuity benefit in one of the other optional forms, except that members who receive a PLSO may not elect Option 5 – the level income option. The PLSO is not available to disabled retirees or retirees who are not eligible for an unreduced retirement benefit.

Actuarial equivalence is based on tables adopted by the Board of Trustees.

- 18. Cost-of-living Increase: From time to time, TFFR has been amended to grant certain post-retirement benefit increases. However, TFFR has no automatic cost-of-living increase features.

SUMMARY OF PLAN CHANGES

1991 Legislative Session:

1. Benefit multiplier increased from 1.275% to 1.39% for all future retirees.
2. Provide a post-retirement benefit increase for all annuitants receiving a monthly benefit on June 30, 1991. The monthly increase is the greater of a 10% increase or a level increase based on years of service and retirement date:
 - a. \$3 per year of service for retirements before 1980.
 - b. \$2 per year of service for retirements between 1980 and 1983.
 - c. \$1 per year of service for retirements from 1984 through June 30, 1991.

Minimum increase is \$5 per month. Maximum increase is \$75 per month.

1993 Legislative Session:

1. Benefit multiplier increased from 1.39% to 1.55% for all future retirees.
2. Provide a post-retirement benefit increase for all annuitants receiving a monthly benefit on June 30, 1993. The monthly increase is the greater of a 10% increase or a level increase based on years of service and retirement date:
 - a. \$3 per year of service for retirements before 1980.
 - b. \$2.50 per year of service for retirements between 1980 and 1983.
 - c. \$1 per year of service for retirements from 1984 through June 30, 1993.

Minimum increase is \$5 per month. Maximum increase is \$100 per month.

3. Minimum retirement benefit increased to \$10 times years of service up to 25, plus \$15 times years of service greater than 25. (Previously was \$6 up to 25 years of service plus \$7.50 over 25 years of service.)
4. Disability benefit changed to 1.55% of FAC times years of service using a minimum of 20 years of service.

1995 Legislative Session:

There were no material changes made during the 1995 legislative session.

1997 Legislative Session:

1. Benefit multiplier increased from 1.55% to 1.75% for all future retirees.
2. Member assessment rate and employer contribution rate increased from 6.75% to 7.75%.
3. A \$30.00/month benefit improvement was granted to all retirees and beneficiaries.

Summary of Plan Changes (continued)

1999 Legislative Session:

1. Active members will now be fully vested after three years (rather than five years) of service.
2. Early retirement benefits will be reduced 6% per year from the earlier of (i) age 65, or (ii) the date as of which age plus service equals 85 (rather than from age 65 in all cases).
3. An ad hoc COLA was provided for all retirees and beneficiaries. This increase is equal to an additional \$2 per month for each year of service plus \$1 per month for each year since the member's retirement.
4. The formula multiplier was increased from 1.75% to 1.88% effective July 1, 1999.

2001 Legislative Session:

1. An ad hoc COLA was provided for all retirees and beneficiaries. The ad hoc COLA increase is equal to an additional \$2.00 per month for each year of service plus \$1.00 per month for each year since the member's retirement. Retirees and beneficiaries will also receive two additional increases equal to 0.75% times the monthly benefit, payable July 1, 2001 and July 1, 2002. The two 0.75% increases are conditional. If the actuarial margin is a shortfall, i.e., is negative, by 60 basis points or more, or if the margin has been negative by 30 or more basis points for two years, the Board could elect to suspend the increase.
2. The formula multiplier was increased from 1.88% to 2.00% effective July 1, 2001.

2003 Legislative Session:

1. Partial lump-sum option adopted, equal to twelve times the monthly life annuity benefit. Not available if level-income option is elected. Not available for reduced retirement or disability retirement.
2. Five-year certain and life option replaced with 20-year certain and life. This does not impact retirees who retired under the five-year certain and life option.
3. Employer service purchase authorized.
4. Active members of the Department of Public Instruction are permitted to make a one-time irrevocable election to transfer to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System in FY2004. Both assets and liabilities for all TFFR service will be transferred for electing employees. Transferred assets will be based on the actuarial present value of the member's accrued TFFR benefit, or the member's contribution account balance if larger.

2005 Legislative Session:

There were no material changes made during the 2005 legislative session.

Summary of Plan Changes (continued)

2007 Legislative Session:

1. For active members hired on or after July 1, 2008 (called Tier 2 members):
 - a. Members will be eligible for an unreduced retirement benefit when they reach age 65 with at least five years of service (rather than three years of service); or if earlier, when the sum of the member's age and service is at least 90 (rather than 85).
 - b. Members will be eligible for a reduced (early) retirement benefit when they reach age 55 with five years of service, rather than three years of service.
 - c. Members will be fully vested after five years of service (rather than three years of service).
 - d. The Final Average Compensation for Tier 2 members is the average of the member's highest five plan year salaries, rather than the average of the three highest salaries.
2. The employer contribution rate increases from 7.75% to 8.25% effective July 1, 2008, but this rate will reset to 7.75% once the Fund reaches a 90% funded ratio, measured using the actuarial value of asset. (If the funded ratio later falls below 90% again, the contribution rate will not automatically return to 8.25%.)
3. Employer contributions are required on the salary of reemployed retirees.
4. Active members of the Department of Career and Technical Education are permitted to make a one-time irrevocable election to transfer to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System in FY 2008. Both assets and liabilities for all TFFR service will be transferred for electing employees. Transferred assets will be the actuarial present value of the member's accrued TFFR benefit, or the member's contribution account balance, if larger.

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STATISTICAL SECTION

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS PENSION TRUST FUND

ADDITIONS:

| Fiscal Year | Member Contributions | Employer Contributions | Employer Contributions as a Percentage of Annual Covered Payroll | Investment and Other Income | Purchased Service Credit | Total Additions |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1999 | \$ 24,257,091 | \$ 24,257,131 | 7.75 | \$ 129,906,989 | \$ 636,015 | \$ 179,057,226 |
| 2000 | 25,528,245 | 25,527,734 | 7.75 | 146,483,648 | 2,509,576 | 200,049,203 |
| 2001 | 26,289,672 | 26,289,206 | 7.75 | (107,137,559) | 1,942,467 | (52,616,214) |
| 2002 | 27,244,008 | 27,243,542 | 7.75 | (110,415,690) | 1,927,764 | (54,000,376) |
| 2003 | 28,851,110 | 28,850,725 | 7.75 | 24,501,262 | 2,507,168 | 84,710,265 |
| 2004 | 29,635,970 | 29,635,584 | 7.75 | 220,243,131 | 4,383,456 | 283,898,141 |
| 2005 | 30,388,650 | 30,388,265 | 7.75 | 180,763,780 | 3,292,441 | 244,833,136 |
| 2006 | 31,171,156 | 31,170,851 | 7.75 | 220,713,886 | 3,225,589 | 286,281,482 |
| 2007 | 31,865,772 | 31,865,466 | 7.75 | 346,767,841 | 2,629,006 | 413,128,085 |
| 2008 | 33,237,677 | 33,683,550 | 7.75 | (140,625,425) | 3,636,528 | (70,067,670) |

DEDUCTIONS:

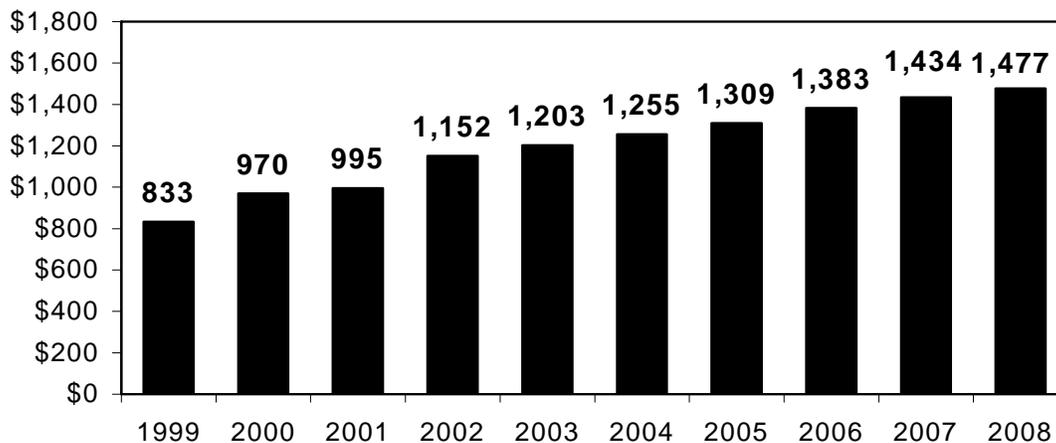
| Fiscal Year | Benefits Paid to Participants | Refunds | Administrative Charges | Total Deductions | Change in Net Assets |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1999 | \$ 46,120,317 | \$ 2,877,423 | \$ 944,654 | \$ 49,942,394 | \$ 150,106,809 |
| 2000 | 53,583,271 | 2,788,019 | 1,015,549 | 57,386,839 | (110,003,053) |
| 2001 | 57,740,914 | 3,127,841 | 1,099,331 | 61,968,086 | (115,968,462) |
| 2002 | 67,482,482 | 2,743,408 | 1,066,309 | 71,292,199 | 13,418,066 |
| 2003 | 72,044,977 | 1,729,764 | 1,056,611 | 74,831,352 | 209,066,789 |
| 2004 | 77,153,054 | 5,800,100 | 1,513,788 | 84,466,942 | 160,366,194 |
| 2005 | 84,498,130 | 2,733,407 | 2,086,849 | 89,318,386 | 196,963,096 |
| 2006 | 91,818,092 | 2,697,308 | 1,620,623 | 96,136,023 | 316,992,062 |
| 2007 | 99,737,905 | 3,328,931 | 1,592,060 | 104,658,896 | (174,726,566) |
| 2008 | 106,456,334 | 5,500,476 | 1,639,521 | 113,596,331 | (183,664,001) |

BENEFIT AND REFUND DEDUCTIONS BY TYPE

| Fiscal Year | Annuity Payments | | | | | Refunds | | | Total Benefit Expenses |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|------------------------|
| | Service Retirements | PLSO Distributions | Disability Retirements | Beneficiaries | Total Annuity Payments | Separation | Death | Total Refunds | |
| 1999 | \$ 42,529,225 | \$ - | \$ 487,987 | \$ 3,103,105 | \$ 46,120,317 | \$ 2,877,178 | \$ 245 | \$ 2,877,423 | \$ 48,997,740 |
| 2000 | 49,624,550 | - | 559,211 | 3,399,510 | 53,583,271 | 2,945,162 | 182,679 | 2,788,019 | 56,711,112 |
| 2001 | 52,946,453 | - | 781,619 | 4,012,842 | 57,740,914 | 2,435,789 | 307,619 | 3,127,841 | 60,484,322 |
| 2002 | 62,037,432 | - | 841,690 | 4,603,360 | 67,482,482 | 2,522,300 | 221,108 | 2,743,408 | 70,225,890 |
| 2003 | 66,307,771 | - | 885,718 | 4,851,489 | 72,044,977 | 1,660,035 | 69,729 | 1,729,764 | 73,774,741 |
| 2004 | 71,091,246 | 40,136 | 893,973 | 5,127,699 | 77,153,054 | 5,686,052 | 114,048 | 5,800,100 | 79,886,461 |
| 2005 | 77,838,622 | 372,761 | 890,333 | 5,396,414 | 84,498,130 | 2,581,112 | 152,295 | 2,733,407 | 87,195,438 |
| 2006 | 84,795,930 | 420,224 | 950,658 | 5,651,280 | 91,818,092 | 3,012,819 | 316,112 | 2,697,308 | 95,147,023 |
| 2007 | 91,808,846 | 953,744 | 1,142,896 | 5,832,419 | 99,737,905 | 2,967,619 | 361,312 | 3,328,931 | 103,066,836 |
| 2008 | 98,381,551 | 692,139 | 1,296,946 | 6,085,698 | 106,456,334 | 5,154,211 | 346,265 | 5,500,476 | 111,956,810 |

SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE BENEFIT PAYMENTS

| Valuation Year | | Years of Service | | | | | | | TOTAL |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | < 10 | 10 - 14 | 15 - 19 | 20 - 24 | 25 - 29 | 30 - 34 | > 34 | |
| 1999 | Number of Retirees | 124 | 396 | 423 | 528 | 973 | 1,056 | 1,068 | 4,568 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 199 | 252 | 385 | 585 | 747 | 1,108 | 1,235 | 833 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 12 | 17 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 39 | 28 |
| 2000 | Number of Retirees | 137 | 403 | 438 | 554 | 1,030 | 1,156 | 1,109 | 4,827 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 223 | 325 | 455 | 683 | 897 | 1,279 | 1,417 | 970 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 39 | 28 |
| 2001 | Number of Retirees | 146 | 404 | 416 | 545 | 1,012 | 1,174 | 1,080 | 4,777 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 235 | 401 | 455 | 696 | 942 | 1,311 | 1,442 | 995 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 12 | 17 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 39 | 28 |
| 2002 | Number of Retirees | 171 | 412 | 417 | 567 | 1,066 | 1,332 | 1,089 | 5,054 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 318 | 354 | 519 | 804 | 1,080 | 1,513 | 1,651 | 1,152 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 12 | 17 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 39 | 28 |
| 2003 | Number of Retirees | 187 | 420 | 409 | 585 | 1,076 | 1,409 | 1,091 | 5,177 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 259 | 391 | 533 | 826 | 1,140 | 1,592 | 1,716 | 1,203 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 12 | 17 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 39 | 28 |
| 2004 | Number of Retirees | 206 | 426 | 399 | 597 | 1,130 | 1,513 | 1,102 | 5,373 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 264 | 398 | 545 | 879 | 1,212 | 1,657 | 1,751 | 1,255 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 12 | 17 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 39 | 28 |
| 2005 | Number of Retirees | 230 | 431 | 403 | 615 | 1,182 | 1,612 | 1,113 | 5,586 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 272 | 377 | 577 | 887 | 1,281 | 1,722 | 1,833 | 1,309 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 12 | 17 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 38 | 28 |
| 2006 | Number of Retirees | 269 | 436 | 417 | 627 | 1,254 | 1,750 | 1,140 | 5,893 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 276 | 399 | 607 | 938 | 1,351 | 1,804 | 1,938 | 1,383 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 13 | 17 | 23 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 28 |
| 2007 | Number of Retirees | 283 | 437 | 418 | 643 | 1,310 | 1,843 | 1,143 | 6,077 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 274 | 404 | 634 | 982 | 1,415 | 1,850 | 2,012 | 1,434 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 13 | 17 | 23 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 28 |
| 2008 | Number of Retirees | 305 | 451 | 421 | 670 | 1,363 | 1,938 | 1,169 | 6,317 |
| | Average Monthly Benefit | 285 | 410 | 656 | 1,025 | 1,471 | 1,897 | 2,066 | 1,477 |
| | Average Years of Service | 6 | 13 | 17 | 23 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 28 |



**SCHEDULE OF RETIREES
BY BENEFIT AMOUNT**

| Monthly Benefit Amount | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Under \$199 | 185 | 177 | 171 | 157 | 146 | 134 | 119 | 154 | 146 | 218 |
| 200 to 399 | 470 | 461 | 460 | 465 | 466 | 473 | 481 | 646 | 669 | 904 |
| 400 to 599 | 539 | 552 | 590 | 619 | 637 | 671 | 705 | 927 | 997 | 1,007 |
| 600 to 799 | 506 | 527 | 563 | 593 | 637 | 663 | 715 | 538 | 564 | 477 |
| 800 to 999 | 419 | 420 | 423 | 432 | 434 | 439 | 458 | 490 | 497 | 482 |
| 1,000 to 1,199 | 538 | 540 | 542 | 528 | 517 | 513 | 503 | 470 | 459 | 410 |
| 1,200 to 1,399 | 498 | 493 | 492 | 478 | 458 | 450 | 431 | 417 | 405 | 357 |
| 1,400 to 1,599 | 534 | 519 | 498 | 474 | 455 | 432 | 423 | 349 | 343 | 237 |
| 1,600 to 1,799 | 510 | 483 | 449 | 422 | 392 | 358 | 327 | 229 | 225 | 166 |
| 1,800 to 1,999 | 499 | 474 | 438 | 382 | 348 | 297 | 261 | 173 | 164 | 100 |
| 2,000 & Over * | | | | | | 747 | 631 | 384 | 358 | 210 |
| 2,000 to 2,199 | 377 | 338 | 310 | 270 | 245 | | | | | |
| 2,200 to 2,399 | 329 | 287 | 258 | 227 | 202 | | | | | |
| 2,400 to 2,599 | 250 | 228 | 190 | 157 | 133 | | | | | |
| 2,600 to 2,799 | 185 | 160 | 150 | 119 | 105 | | | | | |
| 2,800 to 2,999 | 144 | 126 | 102 | 86 | 68 | | | | | |
| 3,000 & Over | 334 | 292 | 257 | 177 | 130 | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 6,317 | 6,077 | 5,893 | 5,586 | 5,373 | 5,177 | 5,054 | 4,777 | 4,827 | 4,568 |

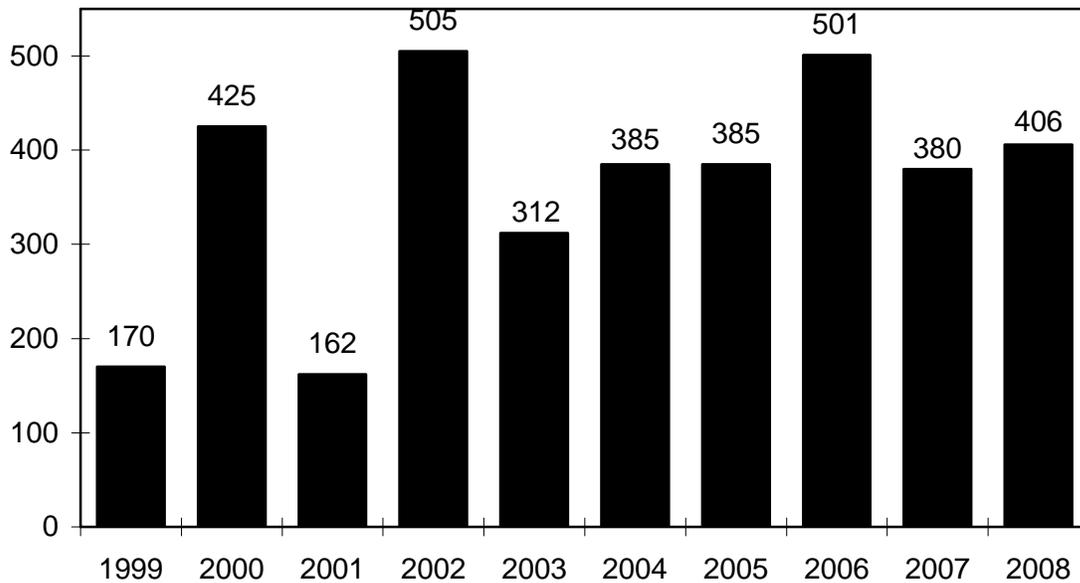
* Breakdown of data for monthly benefits > \$2,000 is not available for years prior to 2004.

**SCHEDULE OF RETIREES
BY BENEFIT TYPE**

| Type of Benefit/ Form of Payment | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Service: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Straight Life | 2,578 | 2,541 | 2,549 | 2,544 | 2,527 | 2,531 | 2,566 | 2,566 | 2,674 | 2,661 |
| 100% J&S | 1,836 | 1,697 | 1,570 | 1,361 | 1,243 | 1,128 | 1,030 | 872 | 862 | 719 |
| 50% J&S | 458 | 433 | 408 | 372 | 357 | 333 | 328 | 301 | 303 | 281 |
| 5 Years C&L | 32 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 34 | 32 | 31 | 33 | 31 |
| 10 Years C&L | 169 | 166 | 157 | 154 | 151 | 149 | 149 | 140 | 141 | 130 |
| 20 Years C&L | 38 | 34 | 28 | 16 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Level | 584 | 580 | 567 | 539 | 495 | 458 | 422 | 354 | 335 | 279 |
| Subtotal | 5,695 | 5,484 | 5,313 | 5,020 | 4,816 | 4,633 | 4,527 | 4,264 | 4,348 | 4,101 |
| Disability: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Straight Life | 81 | 73 | 66 | 61 | 59 | 57 | 55 | 50 | 44 | 41 |
| 100% J&S | 12 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 7 |
| 50% J&S | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 Years C&L | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 10 Years C&L | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 20 Years C&L | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 102 | 93 | 85 | 79 | 79 | 80 | 76 | 70 | 62 | 54 |
| Beneficiaries: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Straight Life | 506 | 482 | 475 | 466 | 457 | 442 | 439 | 431 | 407 | 404 |
| 5 Years C&L | 9 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 10 Years C&L | 5 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 16 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| Subtotal | 520 | 500 | 495 | 487 | 478 | 464 | 451 | 443 | 417 | 413 |
| TOTAL | 6,317 | 6,077 | 5,893 | 5,586 | 5,373 | 5,177 | 5,054 | 4,777 | 4,827 | 4,568 |

SCHEDULE OF NEW RETIREES BY TYPE

| <u>Valuation Year</u> | <u>Retirement</u> | <u>Disability</u> | <u>Beneficiary</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1999 | 133 | 7 | 30 | 170 |
| 2000 | 391 | 11 | 23 | 425 |
| 2001 | 115 | 9 | 38 | 162 |
| 2002 | 456 | 10 | 39 | 505 |
| 2003 | 266 | 6 | 40 | 312 |
| 2004 | 342 | 5 | 38 | 385 |
| 2005 | 351 | 6 | 28 | 385 |
| 2006 | 466 | 8 | 27 | 501 |
| 2007 | 332 | 8 | 40 | 380 |
| 2008 | 357 | 10 | 39 | 406 |



**SCHEDULE OF RETIREES RESIDING IN NORTH DAKOTA
BY COUNTY**

| County | Number | Average Benefit | County | Number | Average Benefit | County | Number | Average Benefit |
|---------------|--------|-----------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|---------------|--------|-----------------|
| Adams | 18 | \$ 1,478 | Griggs | 30 | \$ 1,104 | Richland | 112 | \$ 1,469 |
| Barnes | 130 | 1,482 | Hettinger | 25 | 1,582 | Rolette | 56 | 1,373 |
| Benson | 32 | 1,556 | Kidder | 28 | 1,323 | Sargent | 28 | 1,145 |
| Billings | 7 | 1,123 | LaMoure | 49 | 1,440 | Sheridan | 19 | 1,281 |
| Bottineau | 89 | 1,329 | Logan | 23 | 1,371 | Sioux | 6 | 793 |
| Bowman | 44 | 1,598 | McHenry | 57 | 1,297 | Slope | 4 | 455 |
| Burke | 36 | 1,348 | McIntosh | 40 | 1,537 | Stark | 182 | 1,486 |
| Burleigh | 626 | 1,605 | McKenzie | 39 | 1,431 | Steele | 16 | 1,023 |
| Cass | 712 | 1,706 | McLean | 100 | 1,402 | Stutsman | 163 | 1,399 |
| Cavalier | 67 | 1,377 | Mercer | 68 | 1,653 | Towner | 27 | 1,247 |
| Dickey | 62 | 1,115 | Morton | 211 | 1,655 | Trail | 80 | 1,491 |
| Divide | 25 | 1,881 | Mountrail | 70 | 1,344 | Walsh | 119 | 1,499 |
| Dunn | 22 | 1,325 | Nelson | 53 | 1,307 | Ward | 486 | 1,598 |
| Eddy | 35 | 1,254 | Oliver | 18 | 1,753 | Wells | 58 | 1,429 |
| Emmons | 28 | 1,199 | Pembina | 69 | 1,529 | Williams | 167 | 1,486 |
| Foster | 36 | 1,478 | Pierce | 53 | 1,466 | Out-of-State | 1,177 | 1,211 |
| Golden Valley | 17 | 1,214 | Ramsey | 125 | 1,371 | | | |
| Grand Forks | 477 | 1,770 | Ransom | 45 | 1,343 | GRAND TOTALS: | 6,317 | \$ 1,477 |
| Grant | 24 | 1,014 | Renville | 27 | 1,575 | | | |

**PRINCIPAL PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO**

| Participating Employer | 2008 | | | 1999 | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| | Covered Employees | Rank | % of Total System | Covered Employees | Rank | % of Total System |
| Fargo Public Schools | 992 | 1 | 9.62% | 897 | 1 | 8.66% |
| Bismarck Public Schools | 939 | 2 | 9.11% | 813 | 2 | 7.85% |
| Grand Forks Schools | 738 | 3 | 7.16% | 743 | 3 | 7.17% |
| Minot Schools | 614 | 4 | 5.96% | 598 | 4 | 5.77% |
| West Fargo Schools | 517 | 5 | 5.02% | 342 | 5 | 3.30% |
| Mandan Public Schools | 274 | 6 | 2.66% | 254 | 6 | 2.45% |
| Dickinson Schools | 235 | 7 | 2.28% | 222 | 8 | 2.14% |
| Jamestown Schools | 224 | 8 | 2.17% | 229 | 7 | 2.21% |
| Williston Schools | 187 | 9 | 1.81% | 196 | 9 | 1.89% |
| Devils Lake Schools | 174 | 10 | 1.69% | 161 | 10 | 1.55% |
| All Other ¹ | 5,413 | | 52.52% | 5,908 | | 57.01% |
| Total (235 & 287 employers) ² | 10,307 | | 100.00% | 10,363 | | 100.00% |

¹ In 2008 "all other" consisted of:

| Type | Number | Employees |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| School Districts | 178 | 4,889 |
| County Superintendents | 12 | 12 |
| Special Education Units | 21 | 378 |
| Vocational Centers | 3 | 46 |
| State Agencies/Institutions | 4 | 76 |
| Colleges/Universities | 3 | 3 |
| Other | 4 | 9 |
| Total | 225 | 5,413 |

² This schedule includes all employees who earned service credit during the fiscal year. If an employee worked for more than one employer during the year, that employee is counted multiple times. The total differs from the actuary's total active members as the actuary's total only includes those employees who were active at the end of the fiscal year and only counts each individual one time.

SCHEDULE OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS AT JUNE 30, 2008

School Districts

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Adams | Fort Yates | Menoken Elementary |
| Alexander | Gackle-Streeter | Midkota |
| Anamoose | Garrison | Midway |
| Apple Creek Elementary | Glen Ullin | Milnor |
| Ashley | Glenburn | Minnewauken |
| Bakker Elementary | Goodrich | Minot |
| Baldwin Elementary | Grafton | Minto |
| Beach | Grand Forks | Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood |
| Belcourt | Grenora | Montefiore |
| Belfield | Griggs County Central | Montpelier |
| Bell Elementary | Halliday | Mott-Regent |
| Beulah | Hankinson | Mt. Pleasant |
| Billings County School | Harvey | Munich |
| Bisbee/Egland | Hatton | Napoleon |
| Bismarck | Hazelton – Moffit | Nash Elementary |
| Bottineau | Hazen | Naughton Rural |
| Bowbells | Hebron | Nedrose |
| Bowman | Hettinger | Nesson |
| Burke Central | Hillsboro | New Elementary |
| Carrington | Hope | New England |
| Cavalier | Horse Creek Elementary | New Rockford-Sheyenne |
| Center-Stanton | Jamestown | New Salem |
| Central Cass | Kenmare | New Town |
| Central Elementary | Kensal | Newburg United |
| Central Valley | Killdeer | North Border School |
| Dakota Prairie | Kindred | North Central of Towner |
| Devils Lake | Kulm | North Sargent |
| Dickinson | Lakota | Northern Cass |
| Divide | LaMoure | Northwood |
| Dodge Elementary | Langdon | Oakes |
| Drake | Larimore | Oberon Elementary |
| Drayton | Leeds | Page |
| Dunseith | Lewis and Clark | Park River |
| Earl Elementary | Lidgerwood | Parshall |
| Edgeley | Linton | Pingree – Buchanan |
| Edinburg | Lisbon | Powers Lake |
| Edmore | Litchville-Marion | Richardton |
| Eight Mile | Little Heart Elementary | Richland |
| Elgin/New Leipzig | Lone Tree Elementary | Robinson |
| Ellendale | Maddock | Rolette |
| Emerado Elementary | Mandan | Roosevelt |
| Enderlin | Mandaree | Rugby |
| Eureka Elementary | Manning Elementary | Sargent Central |
| Fairmount | Manvel Elementary | Sawyer |
| Fargo | Maple Valley | Scranton |
| Fessenden-Bowdon | Mapleton Elementary | Selfridge |
| Finley-Sharon | Marmarth Elementary | Sims Elementary |
| Flasher | Max | Solen – Cannonball |
| Fordville Lankin | Mayville – Portland CG | South Heart |
| Fort Ransom Elementary | McClusky | South Prairie Elementary |
| Fort Totten | McKenzie County School District | Southern |
| | Medina | St. John's School |

SCHEDULE OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS (Continued)

School Districts (cont.)

St. Thomas
 Stanley
 Starkweather
 Steele – Dawson
 Sterling Elementary
 Strasburg
 Surrey
 Sweet Briar Elementary
 Tappen
 TGU
 Thompson
 Tioga
 Turtle Lake – Mercer
 Twin Buttes Elementary
 Underwood
 United
 Valley
 Valley City
 Velva
 Wahpeton
 Warwick
 Washburn
 West Fargo
 Westhope
 White Shield
 Williston
 Wing
 Wishek
 Wolford
 Wyndmere
 Yellowstone
 Zeeland
Total School Districts 188

County Superintendents

Billings County
 Bottineau County
 Grant County
 Logan County
 McHenry County
 McKenzie County
 Morton County
 Nelson County
 Rolette County
 Slope County
 Ward County
 Williams County
Total County Supts. 12

Special Education Units

Burleigh County Special Ed.
 Dickey Lamoure Special Ed.

East Central Special Ed.
 GST Educational
 Lake Region Special Ed.
 Lonetree Special Ed.
 Oliver – Mercer Special Ed.
 Peace Garden Special Ed.
 Pembina Special Ed.
 Northern Plains Special Ed.
 Rural Cass County Special Ed.
 Sheyenne Valley Special Ed.
 Souris Valley Special Ed.
 South Central Prairie Special Ed.
 South Valley Special Ed.
 Southwest Special Ed.
 Upper Valley Special Ed.
 West River Student Services
 Wil-Mac Special Ed.
Total Special Ed Units 19

Vocational Centers

North Valley Career & Tech. Ctr
 SE Region Career/Tech Center
 Sheyenne Valley Area Voc. Ctr.
Total Vocational Centers 3

State Agencies & Institutions

Division of Independent Study
 ND School for the Blind
 ND School for the Deaf
 ND Youth Correctional Center
 State Brd for Career & Tech. Ed.
Total State Agencies & Institutions 5

Colleges/Universities

Bismarck State College
 ND State College of Science
 ND State University
Total Colleges/Univ. 3

Other

Fargo Catholic Schools Network
 Great NW Education Co-Op
 ND High School Activities Assn.
 ND Education Assn.
 Valley City Teacher Center
Total Other 5

Total Employers 235

**PAYMENTS TO INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

PENSION POOL PARTICIPANTS

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| INVESTMENT MANAGERS | | | | | |
| Domestic Large Cap Equity: | | | | | |
| AllianceBernstein Capital Management | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 12,457 |
| Epoch Investment Partners | 750,984 | | | | |
| European Credit Management | 189,841 | | | | |
| Franklin Portfolio Associates | 922,539 | 841,678 | | | |
| Los Angeles Capital Management | 627,332 | 694,224 | 745,621 | 660,619 | 520,099 |
| LSV Asset Management | 596,487 | 627,189 | 601,936 | 590,168 | 533,657 |
| Northern Trust Global Investments | (320) | 456,072 | 177,332 | 402,732 | 291,741 |
| Prudential Investment Management | 293,177 | | | | |
| State Street Global Advisors | 144,955 | 572,824 | 24,122 | 17,541 | 16,857 |
| Wells Capital Management Co. | 1,221,370 | 2,104,890 | 4,904 | - | 262,974 |
| Westridge Capital Management, Inc. | 584,925 | 568,689 | 543,316 | 493,687 | 452,368 |
| Total Domestic Large Cap Equity | 5,331,290 | 5,865,566 | 2,097,231 | 2,164,747 | 2,090,153 |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity: | | | | | |
| Callan Associates Inc. | 111,692 | 106,919 | 75,401 | - | - |
| SEI Investments Management Co. | 2,221,532 | 2,237,847 | 2,635,502 | 2,370,310 | 2,242,925 |
| Total Domestic Small Cap Equity | 2,333,224 | 2,344,766 | 2,710,903 | 2,370,310 | 2,242,925 |
| International Equity: | | | | | |
| Bank of Ireland Asset Management | 231,286 | 367,618 | 344,610 | 322,720 | 291,873 |
| Capital Guardian Trust Company | 721,012 | 734,011 | 662,525 | 693,054 | 851,348 |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors | 207,791 | - | - | - | - |
| Lazard Asset Management | 168,235 | 385,717 | 360,262 | 345,025 | 307,157 |
| LSV Asset Management | 789,271 | 813,989 | 711,900 | 416,411 | - |
| State Street Global Advisors | 377,186 | 373,900 | 291,655 | 114,231 | 245,192 |
| Wellington Trust Company, NA | 490,485 | 466,239 | 442,878 | 403,531 | 387,222 |
| Total International Equity | 2,985,266 | 3,141,474 | 2,813,830 | 2,294,972 | 2,082,792 |
| Emerging Markets Equity: | | | | | |
| Capital Guardian Trust Company | - | - | 300,224 | 976,495 | 886,004 |
| Capital International | 656,250 | - | - | - | - |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors | 251,978 | 284,295 | 226,859 | - | - |
| J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. | 314,349 | 309,740 | 156,328 | - | - |
| PanAgora Asset Management, Inc. | 263,231 | 219,298 | 63,104 | - | - |
| UBS Global Asset Management | 546,104 | 496,221 | 432,929 | - | - |
| WestLB Asset Management, LLC | 243,261 | 202,658 | 59,106 | - | - |
| Total Emerging Markets Equity | 2,275,173 | 1,512,212 | 1,238,550 | 976,495 | 886,004 |
| Domestic Fixed Income: | | | | | |
| Bank of North Dakota | 79,825 | 91,128 | 80,304 | 52,529 | 50,271 |
| Calamos Advisors LLC | 522,810 | 424,710 | - | - | - |
| J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. | 1,606,393 | 703,125 | - | - | - |
| Prudential Investment Management | 224,754 | 230,399 | 133,901 | - | - |
| RMK Timberland Investment Mgmt. | - | - | 412,804 | 567,599 | 736,627 |
| Timberland Investment Resources | 3,596,378 | 843,000 | 12,022,865 | 455,891 | - |
| Trust Company of the West | - | 76,469 | 299,027 | 218,650 | 242,297 |
| Wells Capital Management, Inc. | 174,789 | 181,612 | 146,039 | 134,936 | 117,820 |
| Western Asset Management Company | 156,624 | 168,222 | 136,234 | 111,449 | 101,180 |
| WestLB Asset Management | - | - | - | 82,413 | 130,429 |
| Total Domestic Fixed Income | 6,361,573 | 2,718,665 | 13,231,174 | 1,623,467 | 1,378,624 |

**PAYMENTS TO INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

PENSION POOL PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| INVESTMENT MANAGERS (continued) | | | | | |
| High Yield Fixed Income: | | | | | |
| Declaration Management & Research LLC | 7,031 | - | - | - | - |
| Goldman Sachs Asset Management | 251,837 | 110,647 | - | - | - |
| Loomis Sayles & Company | 567,711 | 554,291 | 485,906 | 437,397 | 92,700 |
| PIMCO | 66,455 | - | - | - | - |
| Trust Company of the West | 451,490 | - | - | - | - |
| Wells Capital Management, Inc. | 1,042,791 | 1,009,349 | 500,657 | 422,859 | 96,369 |
| Western Asset Management Company | - | - | - | - | 198,017 |
| Total High Yield Fixed Income | 2,387,315 | 1,674,287 | 986,563 | 860,256 | 387,086 |
| International Fixed Income: | | | | | |
| UBS Global Asset Management | 286,966 | 267,314 | 265,882 | 297,226 | 267,101 |
| Brandywine Asset Management | 419,075 | 382,959 | 344,396 | 313,098 | 273,526 |
| Total International Fixed Income | 706,041 | 650,273 | 610,278 | 610,324 | 540,627 |
| Real Estate: | | | | | |
| INVESCO Realty Advisors | 745,911 | 708,879 | 705,687 | 642,900 | 777,309 |
| J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. | 2,418,987 | 2,144,259 | 1,516,689 | 1,189,060 | 1,009,926 |
| Total Real Estate | 3,164,898 | 2,853,138 | 2,222,376 | 1,831,960 | 1,787,235 |
| Alternative Investments: | | | | | |
| Adams Street Partners | 946,207 | 1,080,138 | 961,377 | 1,075,470 | 1,152,935 |
| Coral Partners, Inc. | 973,463 | 1,037,472 | 1,137,086 | 1,689,769 | 1,684,712 |
| Corsair Capital | 365,112 | 565,104 | - | - | - |
| Hearthstone Homebuilding Investors, LLC | (280,445) | 1,697,762 | 5,554,616 | 4,542,006 | 2,354,122 |
| InvestAmerica L&C, LLC | 504,382 | 587,157 | 375,000 | 375,000 | 375,000 |
| Matlin Patterson Global Opportunities, LLC | 901,140 | 740,551 | 729,871 | 640,625 | 437,500 |
| Quantum Energy Partners | 364,808 | 387,705 | - | - | - |
| Quantum Resources Management | 150,000 | 98,954 | - | - | - |
| Total Alternative Investments | 3,924,667 | 6,194,843 | 8,757,950 | 8,322,870 | 6,004,269 |
| Cash Equivalents: | | | | | |
| The Northern Trust Company, Inc. | 57,539 | 51,177 | 122,988 | 92,149 | 75,054 |
| Total Investment Manager Fees | 29,526,986 | 27,006,401 | 34,791,843 | 21,147,550 | 18,767,129 |
| INVESTMENT CUSTODIAN | | | | | |
| The Northern Trust Company, Inc | 741,919 | 664,524 | 648,728 | 665,915 | 523,890 |
| INVESTMENT CONSULTANT | | | | | |
| Callan Associates Inc. | 197,734 | 176,260 | 181,705 | 178,389 | 193,175 |
| SIB SERVICE FEES | 16,070 | 13,442 | 12,033 | 10,112 | 10,256 |
| SECURITIES LENDING FEES | | | | | |
| Rebates | 5,871,386 | 15,456,908 | 10,044,445 | 3,556,742 | 1,107,164 |
| Fees | 214,760 | 290,207 | 261,337 | 262,466 | 212,251 |
| Total Securities Lending Fees | 6,086,146 | 15,747,115 | 10,305,782 | 3,819,208 | 1,319,415 |

**PAYMENTS TO INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

INSURANCE POOL PARTICIPANTS

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| INVESTMENT MANAGERS | | | | | |
| Domestic Large Cap Equity: | | | | | |
| AllianceBernstein Capital Management | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,525 |
| Los Angeles Capital Management | 127,696 | 129,444 | 134,125 | 130,010 | 62,875 |
| LSV Asset Management | 74,445 | 80,512 | 84,145 | 84,484 | 85,026 |
| State Street Global Advisors | 25,395 | 112,420 | 10,868 | 10,000 | 33,648 |
| Westridge Capital Management, Inc. | 169,773 | 136,069 | 119,733 | 110,895 | 27,844 |
| Total Domestic Large Cap Equity | 397,309 | 458,445 | 348,871 | 335,389 | 213,918 |
| Domestic Small Cap Equity: | | | | | |
| Research Affiliates | 109,426 | - | - | - | - |
| SEI Investments Management | 198,434 | 382,764 | 382,694 | 521,070 | 548,495 |
| Total Domestic Small Cap Equity | 307,860 | 382,764 | 382,694 | 521,070 | 548,495 |
| International Equity: | | | | | |
| Capital Guardian Trust Company | 241,112 | 265,710 | 258,024 | 199,852 | 356,373 |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors | 40,530 | - | - | - | - |
| Lazard Asset Management | 24,588 | 90,303 | 96,692 | 66,902 | 83,289 |
| LSV Asset Management | 199,709 | 216,449 | 215,086 | 101,949 | - |
| The Vanguard Group | 45,138 | 49,690 | 55,961 | 45,275 | 91,048 |
| Total International Equity | 551,077 | 622,152 | 625,763 | 413,978 | 530,710 |
| Convertible Bonds: | | | | | |
| Trust Company of the West | - | - | - | 292,953 | 505,255 |
| Domestic Fixed Income: | | | | | |
| Bank of North Dakota | 58,692 | 60,914 | 119,080 | 142,950 | 109,926 |
| The Clifton Group | 853,284 | - | - | - | - |
| Hyperion Brookfield Asset Management | 127,097 | 56,220 | - | - | - |
| Prudential Investment Management | 164,533 | 138,546 | - | - | - |
| Wells Capital Management, Inc. | 425,196 | 455,171 | 475,084 | 298,661 | 301,395 |
| Western Asset Management Company | 398,731 | 430,831 | 442,296 | 411,419 | 535,966 |
| Total Domestic Fixed Income | 2,027,533 | 1,141,682 | 1,036,460 | 853,030 | 947,287 |
| Inflation Protected Assets | | | | | |
| Northern Trust Global Investments | 59,045 | 55,354 | 55,493 | 60,268 | - |
| Western Asset Management Company | - | 151,504 | - | - | - |
| Total Inflation Protected Assets | 59,045 | 206,858 | 55,493 | 60,268 | - |
| Real Estate: | | | | | |
| J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. | 1,173,188 | 1,088,484 | 443,730 | - | - |
| Enhanced Cash | | | | | |
| Prudential Investment Management | 277,555 | - | - | - | - |
| Total Investment Manager Fees | 4,793,567 | 3,900,385 | 2,893,011 | 2,476,688 | 2,745,665 |

**PAYMENTS TO INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

INSURANCE POOL PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| INVESTMENT CUSTODIAN | | | | | |
| The Northern Trust Company, Inc | 300,326 | 250,812 | 276,945 | 261,904 | 247,232 |
| INVESTMENT CONSULTANT | | | | | |
| Callan Associates | 92,632 | 87,827 | 88,132 | 140,608 | 110,159 |
| SIB SERVICE FEES | 5,301 | 4,881 | 4,366 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| SECURITIES LENDING FEES | | | | | |
| Rebates | 7,072,529 | 14,887,734 | 11,746,006 | 5,720,527 | 1,422,043 |
| Fees | 217,060 | 149,391 | 201,103 | 219,027 | 149,306 |
| Total Securities Lending Fees | 7,289,590 | 15,037,125 | 11,947,109 | 5,939,554 | 1,571,349 |

INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| INVESTMENT MANAGERS | | | | | |
| State Street Global Advisors | \$ 141,727 | \$ 130,161 | \$ 72,797 | \$ 65,534 | \$ 56,210 |
| INVESTMENT CUSTODIAN | | | | | |
| The Northern Trust Company, Inc | 651 | 660 | 654 | 652 | 648 |
| SIB SERVICE FEES | 3,581 | 3,487 | 2,944 | 2,696 | 2,618 |

See reconciliation of current year investment expenses to financial statements on page 67.

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
PENSION INVESTMENT POOL**

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Public Employees Retirement System | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 1,934,234,168 | \$ 1,634,909,225 | \$ 1,475,694,042 | \$ 1,304,738,956 | \$ 1,126,095,333 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (133,303,450) | 285,031,437 | 152,103,565 | 154,870,263 | 156,289,529 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 43,867,012 | 43,845,522 | 36,924,447 | 34,148,529 | 34,280,353 |
| Expenses | 11,447,763 | 9,471,759 | 12,827,174 | 5,316,187 | 4,043,903 |
| Net securities lending income | 362,091 | 329,743 | 264,345 | 260,073 | 218,294 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | (22,956,001) | (20,410,000) | (17,250,000) | (13,000,000) | (8,100,650) |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 1,810,756,057</u> | <u>\$ 1,934,234,168</u> | <u>\$ 1,634,909,225</u> | <u>\$ 1,475,701,634</u> | <u>\$ 1,304,738,956</u> |
| City of Bismarck Employees Pension Plan | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 51,545,555 | \$ 44,002,952 | \$ 40,305,437 | \$ 26,354,623 | \$ 22,968,106 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (2,969,501) | 6,407,926 | 3,073,287 | 3,332,675 | 2,770,138 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 1,396,664 | 1,381,274 | 1,054,196 | 649,709 | 683,552 |
| Expenses | 330,632 | 256,348 | 437,255 | 108,273 | 71,632 |
| Net securities lending income | 10,646 | 9,751 | 7,287 | 5,048 | 4,459 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | - | - | - | 10,071,655 | - |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 49,652,732</u> | <u>\$ 51,545,555</u> | <u>\$ 44,002,952</u> | <u>\$ 40,305,437</u> | <u>\$ 26,354,623</u> |
| City of Bismarck Police Pension Plan | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 24,060,610 | \$ 20,386,327 | \$ 18,501,337 | \$ 12,807,676 | \$ 11,077,471 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (1,541,978) | 3,189,234 | 1,570,167 | 1,519,817 | 1,428,040 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 610,805 | 599,580 | 487,465 | 346,503 | 340,580 |
| Expenses | 147,621 | 118,932 | 175,864 | 55,815 | 40,476 |
| Net securities lending income | 4,675 | 4,401 | 3,222 | 2,373 | 2,061 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | - | - | - | 3,880,783 | - |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 22,986,491</u> | <u>\$ 24,060,610</u> | <u>\$ 20,386,327</u> | <u>\$ 18,501,337</u> | <u>\$ 12,807,676</u> |
| Job Service of North Dakota | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 94,697,478 | \$ 84,340,399 | \$ 81,450,677 | \$ 73,259,542 | \$ 67,303,290 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (2,847,451) | 11,691,612 | 4,905,261 | 9,452,746 | 6,536,599 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 2,133,511 | 2,325,117 | 1,916,260 | 1,682,114 | 1,946,003 |
| Expenses | 622,355 | 416,599 | 1,073,229 | 268,358 | 184,664 |
| Net securities lending income | 26,176 | 18,666 | 17,719 | 17,556 | 15,958 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | (3,473,103) | (3,261,717) | (2,876,289) | (2,692,923) | (2,357,644) |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 89,914,256</u> | <u>\$ 94,697,478</u> | <u>\$ 84,340,399</u> | <u>\$ 81,450,677</u> | <u>\$ 73,259,542</u> |
| City of Fargo Employee Pension Plan | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (2,060,774) | - | - | - | - |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 357,768 | - | - | - | - |
| Expenses | 138,325 | - | - | - | - |
| Net securities lending income | 3,641 | - | - | - | - |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | 31,457,740 | - | - | - | - |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 29,620,050</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
PENSION INVESTMENT POOL (Continued)**

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL PENSION INVESTMENT POOL | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 2,104,537,811 | \$ 1,783,638,903 | \$ 1,615,951,493 | \$ 1,417,160,797 | \$ 1,227,444,200 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (142,723,154) | 306,320,209 | 161,652,280 | 169,175,501 | 167,024,306 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 48,365,760 | 48,151,493 | 40,382,368 | 36,826,855 | 37,250,488 |
| Expenses | 12,686,696 | 10,263,638 | 14,513,522 | 5,748,633 | 4,340,675 |
| Net securities lending income | 407,229 | 362,561 | 292,573 | 285,050 | 240,772 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets resulting from unit transactions | 5,028,636 | (23,671,717) | (20,126,289) | (1,740,485) | (10,458,294) |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 2,002,929,586</u> | <u>\$ 2,104,537,811</u> | <u>\$ 1,783,638,903</u> | <u>\$ 1,615,959,085</u> | <u>\$ 1,417,160,797</u> |

INSURANCE INVESTMENT POOL

Workforce Safety & Insurance Fund

| | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 1,299,957,605 | \$ 1,200,779,620 | \$ 1,168,192,236 | \$ 1,078,349,677 | \$ 980,192,555 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (38,116,867) | 75,378,694 | 715,343 | 47,067,853 | 59,516,744 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 50,628,924 | 49,231,820 | 41,248,969 | 34,684,534 | 34,358,320 |
| Expenses | 4,557,824 | 3,806,600 | 2,828,034 | 2,393,638 | 2,552,501 |
| Net securities lending income | 783,634 | 374,071 | 451,106 | 489,070 | 334,559 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets resulting from unit transactions | (51,000,000) | (22,000,000) | (7,000,000) | 10,000,000 | 6,500,000 |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 1,257,695,472</u> | <u>\$ 1,299,957,605</u> | <u>\$ 1,200,779,620</u> | <u>\$ 1,168,197,496</u> | <u>\$ 1,078,349,677</u> |

State Fire & Tornado Fund

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 28,467,050 | \$ 24,566,021 | \$ 22,845,575 | \$ 19,607,853 | \$ 16,328,742 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (1,888,307) | 2,215,277 | 450,751 | 857,407 | 1,276,515 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 1,011,901 | 1,075,299 | 872,241 | 730,323 | 596,671 |
| Expenses | 88,889 | 72,371 | 61,266 | 60,054 | 50,261 |
| Net securities lending income | 8,806 | 7,824 | 8,720 | 10,148 | 6,186 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets resulting from unit transactions | (1,850,000) | 675,000 | 450,000 | 1,700,000 | 1,450,000 |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 25,660,561</u> | <u>\$ 28,467,050</u> | <u>\$ 24,566,021</u> | <u>\$ 22,845,677</u> | <u>\$ 19,607,853</u> |

State Bonding Fund

| | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 2,729,760 | \$ 2,703,646 | \$ 2,618,683 | \$ 3,772,597 | \$ 5,136,038 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (199,930) | 225,746 | 48,219 | 130,648 | 264,390 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 100,393 | 107,480 | 93,108 | 123,768 | 131,611 |
| Expenses | 9,563 | 7,898 | 7,298 | 10,057 | 10,792 |
| Net securities lending income | 868 | 786 | 934 | 1,743 | 1,350 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets resulting from unit transactions | (80,000) | (300,000) | (50,000) | (1,400,000) | (1,750,000) |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 2,541,528</u> | <u>\$ 2,729,760</u> | <u>\$ 2,703,646</u> | <u>\$ 2,618,699</u> | <u>\$ 3,772,597</u> |

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
INSURANCE INVESTMENT POOL (Continued)**

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 10,022,172 | \$ 9,292,010 | \$ 9,254,759 | \$ 8,958,441 | \$ 8,574,000 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (700,200) | 775,170 | 205,297 | 317,187 | 653,442 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 356,171 | 376,839 | 326,035 | 289,064 | 261,312 |
| Expenses | 29,741 | 24,457 | 22,139 | 23,799 | 22,988 |
| Net securities lending income | 2,949 | 2,610 | 3,058 | 3,905 | 2,675 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | (1,110,000) | (400,000) | (475,000) | (290,000) | (510,000) |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 8,541,351</u> | <u>\$ 10,022,172</u> | <u>\$ 9,292,010</u> | <u>\$ 9,254,798</u> | <u>\$ 8,958,441</u> |
| Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 3,982,228 | \$ 3,690,531 | \$ 2,978,086 | \$ 2,690,119 | \$ 2,763,062 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (162,849) | 145,567 | 24,805 | 77,694 | 87,813 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 122,260 | 101,231 | 92,959 | 54,367 | 43,323 |
| Expenses | 9,288 | 5,640 | 5,953 | 4,699 | 4,500 |
| Net securities lending income | 796 | 539 | 634 | 610 | 421 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | 150,000 | 50,000 | 600,000 | 160,000 | (200,000) |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 4,083,147</u> | <u>\$ 3,982,228</u> | <u>\$ 3,690,531</u> | <u>\$ 2,978,091</u> | <u>\$ 2,690,119</u> |
| ND Health Care Trust Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 2,210,049 | \$ 19,530,767 | \$ 18,581,480 | \$ 25,498,926 | \$ 28,646,477 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 76,044 | 506,858 | 950,929 | 1,075,658 | 1,209,708 |
| Expenses | 979 | 1,179 | 1,642 | 2,370 | 3,664 |
| Net securities lending income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | - | (17,826,397) | - | (7,990,650) | (4,353,595) |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 2,285,114</u> | <u>\$ 2,210,049</u> | <u>\$ 19,530,767</u> | <u>\$ 18,581,564</u> | <u>\$ 25,498,926</u> |
| Veterans Cemetery Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 122,250 | \$ 102,778 | \$ 86,003 | \$ 71,103 | \$ 63,417 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 1,479 | 5,954 | 4,130 | 1,956 | 811 |
| Expenses | 46 | 168 | 138 | 13 | 10 |
| Net securities lending income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | (123,683) | 13,686 | 12,783 | 12,959 | 6,885 |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 122,250</u> | <u>\$ 102,778</u> | <u>\$ 86,005</u> | <u>\$ 71,103</u> |
| Risk Management Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 3,695,796 | \$ 3,263,199 | \$ 2,438,261 | \$ 2,968,620 | \$ 2,538,517 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (231,219) | 243,237 | (30,158) | 144,646 | 60,323 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 144,326 | 148,090 | 111,959 | 79,971 | 75,280 |
| Expenses | 12,747 | 9,593 | 7,861 | 5,961 | 6,181 |
| Net securities lending income | 1,237 | 863 | 998 | 1,000 | 681 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | - | 50,000 | 750,000 | (750,000) | 300,000 |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 3,597,393</u> | <u>\$ 3,695,796</u> | <u>\$ 3,263,199</u> | <u>\$ 2,438,276</u> | <u>\$ 2,968,620</u> |

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
INSURANCE INVESTMENT POOL (Continued)**

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Risk Management Workers Comp Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 4,221,728 | \$ 3,765,613 | \$ 2,905,892 | \$ 2,679,178 | \$ - |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (305,448) | 319,237 | 4,963 | 68,035 | 124,123 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 152,814 | 146,847 | 112,448 | 64,068 | 61,166 |
| Expenses | 13,125 | 10,851 | 8,713 | 6,125 | 6,729 |
| Net securities lending income | 1,369 | 882 | 1,023 | 747 | 618 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | (1,000,000) | - | 750,000 | 100,000 | 2,500,000 |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 3,057,338</u> | <u>\$ 4,221,728</u> | <u>\$ 3,765,613</u> | <u>\$ 2,905,903</u> | <u>\$ 2,679,178</u> |
| ND Association of Counties Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 1,216,882 | \$ 791,257 | \$ 385,409 | \$ 306,518 | \$ 273,797 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (127,524) | 100,031 | 11,765 | 20,629 | 25,891 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 38,236 | 29,240 | 15,551 | 10,059 | 8,525 |
| Expenses | 5,148 | 3,908 | 2,293 | 1,941 | 1,786 |
| Net securities lending income | 380 | 262 | 164 | 144 | 91 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | - | 300,000 | 380,661 | 50,000 | - |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 1,122,826</u> | <u>\$ 1,216,882</u> | <u>\$ 791,257</u> | <u>\$ 385,409</u> | <u>\$ 306,518</u> |
| ND Association of Counties Program Savings Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 851,526 | \$ 526,560 | \$ 403,009 | \$ 325,508 | \$ 290,719 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (75,391) | 55,757 | 10,908 | 18,684 | 27,475 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 29,646 | 21,745 | 14,400 | 10,661 | 9,053 |
| Expenses | 3,861 | 2,710 | 1,909 | 1,996 | 1,835 |
| Net securities lending income | 275 | 174 | 152 | 152 | 96 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | - | 250,000 | 100,000 | 50,000 | - |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 802,195</u> | <u>\$ 851,526</u> | <u>\$ 526,560</u> | <u>\$ 403,009</u> | <u>\$ 325,508</u> |
| PERS Group Insurance Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 4,056,887 | \$ 1,923,916 | \$ 1,370,395 | \$ 286,269 | \$ 133,981 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 334,983 | 444,207 | 304,521 | 135,190 | 53,303 |
| Expenses | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,064 | 1,015 |
| Net securities lending income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | - | 1,689,764 | 250,000 | 950,000 | 100,000 |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 4,390,870</u> | <u>\$ 4,056,887</u> | <u>\$ 1,923,916</u> | <u>\$ 1,370,395</u> | <u>\$ 286,269</u> |
| City of Bismarck Deferred Sick Leave Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 826,225 | \$ 740,239 | \$ 710,962 | \$ 660,487 | \$ 607,608 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (57,118) | 56,893 | 4,983 | 28,817 | 33,526 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 33,570 | 31,863 | 26,757 | 24,078 | 21,800 |
| Expenses | 3,835 | 3,014 | 2,750 | 2,769 | 2,673 |
| Net securities lending income | 300 | 244 | 287 | 349 | 226 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 799,142</u> | <u>\$ 826,225</u> | <u>\$ 740,239</u> | <u>\$ 710,962</u> | <u>\$ 660,487</u> |

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
INSURANCE INVESTMENT POOL (Continued)**

| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| City of Fargo FargoDome Permanent Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 12,102,562 | \$ 9,748,034 | \$ 7,316,376 | \$ 5,863,757 | \$ 4,307,480 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (1,474,491) | 1,043,035 | 216,395 | 274,460 | 419,447 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 492,384 | 339,243 | 235,113 | 192,967 | 149,299 |
| Expenses | 54,510 | 29,827 | 21,991 | 17,144 | 13,802 |
| Net securities lending income | 4,595 | 2,077 | 2,141 | 2,336 | 1,333 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | 5,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 16,070,540</u> | <u>\$ 12,102,562</u> | <u>\$ 9,748,034</u> | <u>\$ 7,316,376</u> | <u>\$ 5,863,757</u> |
| Cultural Endowment Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 274,568 | \$ 218,552 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (29,699) | 27,678 | 7,263 | - | - |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 9,101 | 8,158 | 6,054 | - | - |
| Expenses | 1,566 | 1,251 | 978 | - | - |
| Net securities lending income | 82 | 61 | 54 | - | - |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | 16,500 | 21,370 | 206,159 | - | - |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 268,986</u> | <u>\$ 274,568</u> | <u>\$ 218,552</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Budget Stabilization Fund | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 99,876,003 | \$ 99,876,516 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (8,591,387) | - | - | - | - |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 8,845,339 | 4,989,847 | 3,618,316 | - | - |
| Expenses | 131,522 | 8,860 | 6,586 | - | - |
| Net securities lending income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | 98,838,837 | (4,981,500) | 96,264,786 | - | - |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 198,837,270</u> | <u>\$ 99,876,003</u> | <u>\$ 99,876,516</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| TOTAL INSURANCE INVESTMENT POOL | | | | | |
| Net assets beginning of year | \$ 1,474,613,291 | \$ 1,381,519,259 | \$ 1,243,693,902 | \$ 1,153,380,140 | \$ 1,050,982,600 |
| Net increase/(decrease) | | | | | |
| in fair value of investments | (51,960,430) | 80,586,322 | 1,697,292 | 49,285,206 | 62,690,324 |
| Interest, dividends and other income | 62,377,571 | 57,564,721 | 48,038,197 | 37,534,433 | 36,998,468 |
| Expenses | 4,923,644 | 3,989,327 | 2,980,551 | 2,538,940 | 2,683,030 |
| Net securities lending income | 805,291 | 390,393 | 469,367 | 511,288 | 348,488 |
| Net incr/(decr) in net assets | | | | | |
| resulting from unit transactions | 48,841,654 | (41,458,077) | 90,601,052 | 5,527,309 | 5,043,290 |
| Net assets end of year | <u>\$ 1,529,753,733</u> | <u>\$ 1,474,613,291</u> | <u>\$ 1,381,519,259</u> | <u>\$ 1,243,699,436</u> | <u>\$ 1,153,380,140</u> |